

CHAPTER XX.

IMMORTALITY.

DISCUSSING the doctrine of a future life, the essayist says, "Of a belief in the immortality of the soul no evidence can be found in the Old Testament, though readers of the Bible who persist in using the unrevised version may remain under the impression that the doctrine is found in Job." He thus criticises the undeveloped character of the Old Testament conception of immortality.

This assertion is both ambiguous and incorrect. The assertion is ambiguous, because, in its developed form, the immortality of the soul is a New Testament doctrine. It was Christ, the apostle Paul declares, who "brought life and incorruption to light through the Gospel."¹ That is to say, it was Jesus who, by

¹ 2 Tim. i. 10.