

THE BIBLE.

THE LORD JESUS SAID TO SOME:—

"YE SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES, BECAUSE IN THEM YE THINK YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE—AND THESE ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME—AND YE WILL NOT COME TO ME THAT YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE!" John 5. 39, 40.

IT is a wondrous privilege to have a Bible, an open Bible. But an open Bible disobeyed will mean heavier judgment. The principle of Matt. 11. 20-24 applies—"Then began He to upbraid the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done, because they repented not." How will religious, pleasure-loving, GOD-neglecting London appear in "the Day of the LORD," when *He* arises? Again, it is written that CHRIST said "He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My Words, hath one that judgeth him: the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him, in the last day" (John 12. 48). It is very solemn to know much about GOD. And in this connexion one recollects another 12. 48 "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more" (Luke 12. 48). And now let these words apply personally. How about you, dear reader? You have, perhaps read the Word of GOD from childhood, and you call it His revelation. But have you ever, as a

helpless sinner, trusted the one SAVIOUR Scripture sets forth, Who died for the worthless, or are you too self-righteous—permit plain-speaking—to understand being *born again* (John 3. 3), and a new creation (2 Cor. 5. 17)? Are the things of GOD your *first* thought? If *not*, can you be said to love Him (Deut. 6. 5) or do you belong to the *largest* class in England—unsaved sinners who *think* they are saved! CHRIST said many things about such—about *you*, if you are among them. I may *never* meet you again, but indirectly I meet you *now* through this leaflet, and “pretty phrases” would only lull to sleep. Half-concerned reader, do not be beguiled and soothed vainly. As GOD’S watchman, I want to be clear of your blood (Ezek. 3. 19). If I do not speak out, I am a murderer, politely helping you on to the terrible and everlasting and unalterably righteous wrath of GOD, for ever and for ever to abide, *except* on those *born* from above.

THE SCRIPTURE RECORDS OF SOME:—

“THESE WERE MORE NOBLE (*lit*: WELL-BORN)... IN THAT THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL READINESS OF MIND, AND SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY, WHETHER THOSE THINGS WERE SO: THEREFORE MANY OF THEM BELIEVED.” Acts 17. 11.
