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EVENING CONTEMPLATION

TOPIC: WHAT SAYETH THE SCRIPTURE?

TEXT: GAL. 4:30

"Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."

He who consults the Bible in time of gloom and confusion, shows himself as a wise man: for therein, there is light enough to dispel the thickest darkness; those who look to any other thing or being for light, are sure to miscarry in life and to the undoing of their eternal souls. That man in whom the contents of the Holy scripture richly dwells, needs not fear of stumbling, for whoever stumbles under the beams of the sun during the noon day? What the sun is to creatures, that the Bible is to immortal souls: wise folks therefore give heed to scripture as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arises in their hearts--until their souls ascend beyond the sky. One leaf of scripture is more than a thousand worlds; if any Nation is denied of it, she would work in darkness. Friends and brothers, no maxim, saying, philosophy, book and copy should gain our following and admiration that has no affinity with the scripture; whatever does not conciliate itself with scripture, should be avoided,--as evil companionship corrupt good manners. Whatever discourse that is not rooted in and subservient to scripture, should not secure our patronage and sympathy. At our first meeting with anything, may we not fail to ask, 'Nevertheless, what sayeth the scripture?' Paul, in His zeal for the undiluted truth, would have any man that preach any other word cursed. If it is not scriptural, we must cry it down; deface it by all means; pronounce but death on such. As King Saul hunted David down with all that He had, so must we drip down on the neck of whatever has no alliance with this holy book. A smile on any error, is a frown on all truth: that man incurs God's frown, who beds and boards with any size of Error, even for just a little space of time. The gate of scripture opens to any man, who cannot withstand even a silence whisper of error: but he who sees nothing in falsehood, heaven says, 'what have I to do with thee?' Oh man, God in mercy Has set a candle amidst the earth, let all walk in its light; He Has ordained an oracle amongst us, may we all repair or converge thereto; a light to rule our day and night! Come one, come all, let us place 'Nevertheless, what sayeth the scripture' on all things! Let the Bible be the Judge; by the mouth of two or three testimonies from the leaves of scripture, let every case be settled! The Bible is 'The exact balance, square, or rule and canon, of all truths and duties.'