

A sermon or skeleton on "Prepare to meet thy God"

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Amos IV.12 " And because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy god O Israel"

Our discourse in this occasion will be in continuation and conclusion of the subject which we commenced this morning\_ after making a few preliminary remarks we divided the subject into two general propositions

- I. The punishment with which the wicked are threatened
- II. Show how it is to be avoided

The second proposition we omitted to from the basis of a subsequent discourse, which we now propose to consider. What we may advance in the present occasion will arise nearly altogether from the impulse of the moment. Having been otherwise engaged nearly all day. Have not had time to mature that part of our subject under present consideration\_ Our remarks of consequence must be ^ somewhat of a general character\_ the point we have in hand at present is to show how threatened punishment of the wicked is to be avoided . In order to the more clear development of the subject, it will be necessary to take a short review of what we advanced in the previous discourse on the punishment with which the wicked are threatened\_\_

1. The reflections of a troubled mind in the present world
2. Temporal judgments &
3. Everlasting punishment in the torments of Hell. The great enquiry at the present time is, "How shall I escape the punishment of the wicked? To this reply in the warning language of our text "Prepare to meet thy god" It must be recollected that this expression is a military phrase\_ God had determined to visit the Israelites in vengeance, he therefore commands them to prepare to meet him in battle\_ Now there are but two ways to settle on point of difference with our "offended party-either to vanquish him in combat or yield to his terms of reconciliation- God being the offended party with the wicked, their conclusion must be made between two propositions, either to contend with battle , or submit to his terms of reconciliation\_
  1. The first resort viz. To contend with ^ god in battle will be absurd from considering the omnipotence of god \_\_
  2. The second proposition therefore is our only refuge\_ to submit to the terms of peace. These were made known imperfectly under the mosaick dispensation but more fully by the gospel of Christ which has bought life and immutably to light\_\_
    1. We are to repent of our sins

2. We are to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
3. We are to (?) on unto perfection

We shall now close the subject by enforcing the exhortation "prepare to meet thy god".

1. Entreat the sinner to consider his bitter end\_ the day of reckoning will finally come.
2. Uncovertd woman do not see thy soul for the trifling toys of the world.
3. The exortation in our text is enforced by ten thousand (mentions?)

This was the instruction which thy mother gave when thou wert reclining in her arms this is the theme of our ministrations from the sacred desk We read this command on every page Holy Spirit It is proclaimed by the calling seasons

It is written upon the brow of the old & inform\_ their features tell us prepare\_ go to the house of the poor and you will hear the spirit whisper prepare- go to graveyard, and the admonition will be renewed go to the merchant, and as he tears the linen to shroud the corpse-it says prepare go to the mechanicks shop as he plains the planks to enclose the subject of mortality- It says prepare go to the grave, and hear the silent clods\_ and hear the exhortations prepare to meet thy god

The flowing crepe & the Lavishments ~~that~~ of mourning That I behold in this congregation tell me that some of your friends are gone\_

May the Holy Spirit help us all to prepare for great, vast, boundless eternity\_\_\_\_