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The great things of eternity should always be impressed with weight upon our minds. We should consider ourselves at all times, as on its immediate verge; as ready to launch forth and bid a final adieu to all sublunary things, and to become acquainted with circumstances and scenes, with which at present we have no sort of familiarity. Man most evidently is born to high destinies. His present existence is but the vestibule of being. He has but commenced that extended career, upon which he will fully enter when the gates of death shall be opened, and his immortal soul shall escape as a bird from its cage. It should be a consideration of no little moment with us to reflect, whether or not that endless career of being will be one of happiness or misery. With the lights afforded us by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the aids imparted through the Holy Spirit, we can, without much difficulty, form some pretty good idea respecting the matter. If it be possible for an individual to attain to the knowledge of sins forgiven, and realize peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; should not each one for himself, and of course not for another, seek this valuable intelligence, and never rest satisfied until he has availed himself of all the advantages afforded? Thank God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we can have the divine Spirit to bear witness with our spirits that we are born of God. Are we using the means with which we are favored? and endeavoring to square our conduct by the revealed word of God? Are our hearts soft, and have they been cleansed and purified from sin? Or can we think upon the most momentous scenes which await

us, and yet feel no emotion? Should this be the case, let us lift up our hearts in solemn prayer to Almighty God, beseeching him to impart unto us his Holy Spirit, to quicken our dead souls, and to renew within us clean hearts and right spirits.

Time is short, and whether improved or not, will soon be over. Within this small space we have much to accomplish. It is to be feared that many of us have suffered a considerable portion of it to pass away neglected and unimproved. Should this be the case, we ought not to despair of entering in, even at the eleventh hour. Let us not sit still in idleness all the day long, but give all diligence to enter while we may. The Lord is now waiting to be gracious, and invites us to come and receive life and salvation. Salvation is freely offered to all; none need perish and sink down to perdition. Christians of every denomination should redouble their efforts and prayers to Almighty God for the renovation and redemption of the world. God has promised to hear and answer prayer, and his people are invited to draw nigh in full assurance of faith, having their hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. In view of the great work that lies before them, how active should they be. Many, yea, all of their distinctive peculiarities ought to be dispensed with, and a general and concentrated effort should be made for a general revival of the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the guidance and influences of the divine Spirit. Every experimental christian, wherever found, feels an anxious solicitude for an extended revival of the work of the Lord, and if a professor of Christianity have none of these emotions of soul in view of the prosperity of Zion, which characterize experimental knowledge, he may well question the correctness of the ground upon which his profession is predicated. Let us then indulge our feelings upon the subject of a decided