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“WHAT is thy beloved more than another beloved?”—SONG SOL. 5 : 9.

THE power of *contrast* is acknowledged. The poet studies it in the construction of his epic; the artist in the coloring of his picture; the logician in the arrangement of his argument; the lover of nature as his eye roves over the outspread landscape—all are conscious of the presence and power of this principle. The object of contrast is not to create the ideal, or to foster the ficti-

tious; but to confirm the existence, and highten the power and impression of the true. It is thus that the beautiful becomes more attractive, the grand more sublime, the good more excellent, and the object which awoke our admiration and inspired our regard, enthrones itself more firmly and supremely upon the soul.

The Word of God is replete with contrasts. In no volume is the effect more striking. How constantly, by an easy and graceful antithesis, the Holy Ghost places in contrast the vanity of idols, and the existence of God—the insignificance of man, and the greatness of Jehovah—the evan-

escence of things temporal, and the permanence of things eternal—the deformity of sin, and the beauty of holiness—the objects and attractions of earth, and the scenes and allurements of heaven—our waywardness and unworthiness, with God's long suffering and love. With what power, beauty, and reality are the great things of God's word thus brought out!

In presenting to you, my reader, the Lord Jesus Christ, as worthy of your undivided affection, supreme confidence, and unreserved service, infinitely distancing and eclipsing all other beings and all other objects

brought in competition with him, we purpose adopting this principle; assured that the result must be, with the accompanying blessing of the Holy Spirit, the supreme enthronement of Christ in your admiration, trust, and love, as the "*chief among ten thousand, and the one altogether lovely.*" Happy shall we be if the conviction of the truth is deepened in your soul,
NONE LIKE CHRIST!

Nor could we engage your thoughts upon a subject more suitable to the new and solemn period of time upon which we have entered. You are about to add another deathless chapter to the momentous volume of your

personal history. As yet its lines are untraced, its events unrecorded. What that history may be, you have no prescience to guide your knowledge; nor, if you are wise and trusting, do you wish to know—calm and fixed in the assurance that it is all prearranged in the covenant that is "*ordered in all things, and sure;*" and that, impenetrable as is the veil that conceals it from your eye, God will permit nothing to transpire but what he has shaped and tinted with just that form and hue that will the most perfectly harmonize and blend, and will the most surely promote, your greatest well-being with his highest glory.