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"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation."—HEB. II. 3.

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PREFACE.

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THIS small treatise is not designed to convince the sceptic, nor to answer the arguments of those who avowedly oppose the doctrines of revealed religion ; but to arouse, alarm, and draw to Christ those—both old and young—who are neglecting the offers of his grace.

Entirely free from all sectarianism, the readers of this little work are not addressed as Churchmen, or Methodists, or Dissenters, but as fallen sinful creatures—exposed to endless ruin, without saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It has been the aim of the writer, in this unassuming monitor, to adapt his language and ideas to the humblest capacity—to express the weighty truths it contains, with plainness and force, that it may be useful to the least cultiva-

ted reader, into whose hands it may fall; and should it be instrumental in saving but one of the millions who are hastening to destruction,

“To writhe, to pant, to toss beneath the load,
And bear the weight of an offended God,”

an object will be accomplished sufficiently important, to compensate for all the care bestowed on its preparation; yea, even for the labours of the longest life. We must die, and rise, and spend millions of ages in the vision of the Lamb, before we can enter into the import of the word salvation; and, see how much is involved in the salvation of only one soul. For salvation is a blessing immense, infinite, everlasting: which occupied the mind of Jehovah from the beginning—which was purchased by the Son of God upon Calvary—and which will fill eternity with its glories.

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INTRODUCTION.



READER, whoever you are, if you are neglecting the great salvation, this treatise is addressed to you ; for your sake it was penned, penned in deep solicitude and earnest prayer, and that it may be blest to your salvation, the following directions are given for its perusal.

I. Let it be read with *seriousness*. Do not bring to its perusal a light and a trifling spirit. It is itself serious, its writer is serious, its subject is serious—it speaks to you of God, of Eternity, of Heaven and of Hell. Surely a serious spirit becomes the contemplation of such a subject. So thought Sir Francis Walsingham. Having retired from the busy world into the privacy of the country, some of his gay companions rallied him on his becoming religious, and told