

The Best Way of Living; Which is to Die Daily:

Very briefly Described and Com|mended in a plain DISCOURSE, Made at a Time, when the AU|THOR had newly seen Repeat|ed Strokes of DEATH, on his own FAMILY. And the PUBLISHER had his Family also Struck with a SUDDEN DEATH upon a Vital Part of it.

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As DYING, and behold, we LIVE.

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TO THE Reader.

IF he that has this brief ESSAY now in his hand, be indeed the READER of it, he will find himself *there* suffici|ently informed of the occasion. The Book|seller having his Family wounded, by a sudden Death upon his nearest Relative, the Evening before the SERMON was Preached, he was willing, as to *Get Good* himself, so to *Do Good* unto others, on the Occasion, by publishing what he thought suitable, not only unto himself, but also unto all that can cast an Eye upon it. It was a very short Sermon, delivered when the Preacher was Confined unto such an One by a very Cold Season; But if the Blessing of God accompany this *Exhortati|on of a Few Words*, and very Right Ones, he knows, the Publication will not be Re|pented of▪

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The Best Way of Living; Which is to Die Daily: BOSTON. 22. d. IX m. 1713.

1 Cor. XV. 31.

I Die Daily.

ONE who *Lives* in the midst of *Deaths*, may find cause to *say so*. One who feels *with/in* him, that which bids him reckon his own among the many *Deaths* without him, can't but *say so*. One who has in less than *Two Weeks*, had *Five Deaths* in his Family, would be very senseless, if he should not *say so*. May [Page 2](#) it now be *said* by every One of us, in so Significant and so Religious a manner, as it ought to be.

Our Apostle speaks it, because he was *Daily Exposed to Death*, and *Daily Ex|pecting* of it. His *Dying Daily*, was his being *Daily* willing to Dy, and his *Daily* Laying himself open in the Cause of Christ, unto the utmost Hazards of *Death*. God Enkindled and Preserved this *Piety* in him, and his Fellow-Souldiers, with the perswasion of a *Resurrection from the Dead*. A *perswasion* productive of so much *Piety*; and having a Tendency to such an *Holy Life*, and such a Triumph over the *Fear of Death*, is doubtless of GOD. Such a *per/swasion* doubtless is no *Delusion*. We may therefore go on perswaded of a *Resurrecti/on from the Dead*; We shall not be Decei|ved in it. Our Apostle is proving the *Resurrection* with it. Q. E. D. This is what our Apostle upon the *Demonstration* of.

The *Doctrine*, which I will present you withal, shall be this;

There is a *Dying Daily*, which true Christians Live in the practice of.

[Page 3](#) *Dying Daily*, will be, as the *Condition* of every Christian, so, the *Exercise* of every *Lively* Christian. *Dying Daily* is a *Mystery of Practical Christianity*, which we ought all to *Live* in the Study of.

Tis not so much that which is our *Con/dition*, as that which is to be our *Endeavour*, that I shall insist upon.

The Case to be insisted on, is this;

What is the DYING DAILY, which a Chri|stian is to Live in the practice of?

I. A *Lively Sense* of our *Daily Progress* to our *Death*, yea, a *Daily Sense* of it, revived on all occasions, this will be in our *Dying Daily*. We must never Lay aside, a *Sense* of our *Mortality*. To Lay that aside, is *Folly* in its Exaltation, *Madness* in its Ex|tremity. Tis most certain, That we are *Dying*: It is the Thing *appointed* for us; It is unavoidable. The Whole World of Mankind Unites in the Accomplishment of that word; Psal. LXXXIX. 49. *Who is that man that shall*

*live and shall not see Death? To Go to the Grave, is to go in the way of all the Earth. The Grave, O man, Tis Whi/ther [Page 4](#) thou art Going. There is no man a|live, whom this Advice may not be ad|dress'd unto▪ Oh! Let this Apprehension be continually kept *alive* in our minds: Job XXX. 23. *I know that thou wilt bring me to Death, and to the House assigned for all the Living.* Every Time the *Sun* sets, we should be sensible, we are one Day nearer to our *Death*, than we were when it rose. And every Time the *Clock* strikes, we may be sensible, we are one Hour nearer to our *Death*, than we were sixty minutes ago. Yea, 'Tis a *Quick progress* that we are ma|king to our *Death*. We shall *Quickly* ar|rive unto it. Our *Life* is a *Race* very *Quickly* run. We are upon the *Wing* un|to the *Grave*. Tis very *Livelily* set forth unto us; Job IX. 25, 26. *Swifter than a Post, yea, as the Ships of Dispatch, yea, as the Eagle which flies after the Prey.* With what *Haste*, Oh! What *Haste* are we *Dispatch|ing* the *Course* of our *Life*! The Psalmist said unto the Lord, *Remember how short my Time* is! The Lord says unto the Christi|an, *Do thou Remember how short thy Time* is. If our *Dayes* are but as an *Hands-breadth*; And if the progress of our *Dayes* be that [Page 5](#) of a *Weavers Shuttle*; Then say, O *Dying Man*; How near thou art unto thy *Death*. Truly, *The Day is near, it is near, and it hasteth greatly!* To *Dy Daily*, is to do that wise Thing; the thing so ardently wish'd for; Psal. XC. 12. *So to Number our Dayes, as to apply our Hearts unto Wisdom.* Now, in *Dying Daily*, it is requisite, *First*, That we have some *Daily Meditation* on our *Death*; yea, that in our *Meditation*, we look on our *Death*, as both *Certain* and *Speedy* too. Oh! Don't put *far away the Day*! This will render it an *Evil Day*! Not one *Day* should pass us without some▪ Thoughts of this Importance,*

I am a *Dy|ing* man, and it cannot be *Long* before I am *Dead*!

Yea, 'tis requisite, *Secondly*; That the *Occasions* which *Daily* occur to *Blow* up this *Meditation*, should not pass unob|served with us. *Every Day* brings to us fresh *Monitors*, to put us in mind of this, *That we are to Dy in a very little while.* We should not be *Deaf* to the *Admonitions*: On our *Tables*, we are fed by the *Dead*. We should infer, *'This Food will not keep me 'always from Death.* In our *Habits* we are cloath'd from the *Dead*. We should in|fer, [Page 6](#) *I am covered with the Shadow of Death.* We attend upon *Funerals*, and follow the *Dead*. It should be with such Thoughts as these; *I am shortly to follow, my Turn is coming; It won't be long before I am carried unto my Long Home.* Every *Bell* tolled for the *Dead*, should ring such a peal as this in our *Ears*. When the *Night* comes, we should often think; *My Night is coming!* When we put off our *Garments*, we should often think; *I am shortly to put off this Earthly Tabernacle!* When we *Ly* down in our *Bed*, we should often think; *My Grave will shortly be my Bed!* We *Dy Daily*, when we keep up such a *Daily Sense* of this, That we are to *Die Quickly!*

II. In our *Dying Daily*, we are *Every Day* to keep Alive a prudent, perpetual, reasonable *Suspicion*, That *this* may prove our *Dying Day*. There is a Maxim of Wis|dom, which we ought to Live under the *Daily* power of; Prov. XXVII. 7. *Thou knowest not what a Day may bring forth*. It is very sure, we must see our *Last Day*. And we are sure of *no Day* that comes, That it will not be our *Last*. We should [Page 7](#) often think in a *Morning*, 'For ought I 'know, I may Dy before the Evening. We should often think in an Evening, 'For ought I know, I may Dy before the 'Morning. When we take our *Leave* of a Friend, we should often think,

For ought I know, we may never see one another again.

When we hear a *Sermon*, we should often think,

For ought I know this is the Last Sermon I shall hear among the Peo|ple of God.

When we make a Prayer, we should often think,

For ought I know, this is the last Prayer I shall make before my Breath be stopt!

Such *Dying Tho'ts* as these, are extreamly countenanced, by our Circumstances in the

World. Our Circumstances are tho; Jam. IV. 14. *What is your Life? Tis a vapour that appears a little while, and vanishes away*. Those, Eccl. IX. 12. *Man knoweth not his Time*. All A|ges are Liable to the Stroke of Death! They that are under *Six*, are as

Likely to Dy, as they that are beyond *Sixty*: And more Dy so. At this very Time, there

Lies Dead in our Neighbourhood, An A|ged, Pious, Useful Servant of God,

an *El|der* [Page 8](#) of a Church, near Fourscore; * And an *Infant* that was yet in the

Cradle. The Stroke of *Death*, is also given sometimes very *Suddenly*. Persons are well

one day, Dead the next. Last Night, an affecting Instance of it. A Young

Woman * well one hour, tending her Sick *Son*; the next hour Dead, and Leaving her

Tender Husband in Tears. A *Last Day* must come; And there comes *no Day*, but, for

ought we know, may be our *Last*. For us, to be moderately, and rationally, *Suspicious*,

of *Every Day! This may be my Last!* Verily, There is an in|comparable *Discretion* in it.

For us, to make *provision* accordingly, would be very *discreetly* done. Such Thoughts,

how much would they Mortifie our *Vanities*, Animate our *Devotions*, Regulate all

our *Behaviours*, if they had a due Efficacy upon us! We *Dy Daily*, in such Thoughts as

these; And we take a Course to *Live unto God*.

III. *Dying Daily* will imply, that we should *every Day* be *Ready* and *Willing* to

[Page 9](#) Dy. Our Apostle having said, *We stand in jeopardy every Hour*; then

adds, *I Dy Daily*. A man *Dies Daily*, when his Life is in *daily Jeopardy*, for the

Cause of Christ, and of His People. A man that ventures his *Life*, that he may

Serve a Good Inte|rest, is One who *Dies Daily*. We should be always *Ready*

and *Willing* to *Die*, when|ever the Great *Lord of our Life* shall call us to it; and

say, Psal. CXIX. 109. *My Soul is continually in my Hand*. Q. D. *My Soul*, and

my *Life*, I stand *Ready* and *Willing*, to make an *Offering* of it. The *Spi|rit of*

Martyrdom, is ONE thing that belongs to *Dying Daily*. We ought to suppose, that we may be call'd unto, the Death of a *Martyr*, in bearing a Testimony to the Truths of God: That we may not *Love our Lives unto the Death*, nor hold them till they may terminate in a *Natural Death*. Supposing that we may be put upon *Dying* by the *Fist of Wickedness*, for our Disposition to *Live Godlily*, we must have a mind that shall be *daily Resolved* for it. To *Die Daily*, is to be in a *Daily* and fixed Resolution, to undergo whatever *Sufferings*, our Fidelity to the King+dom [Page 10](#) of our Saviour may bring upon us. We must be *Daily* of that mind, Act. XX. 24. *None of these things move me, neither is my Life precious to me, so that I may but finish my Course with Joy*. But then, If the *Lord of our Life* put us upon *Dying* only in the way of His *Common Providence*, and in the manner and method of Nature in its Decays; This is *Daily*; and Readily, and Willingly to be submitted to. We ought every Day, to keep in a *Dying Frame*; Ready and Willing to Entertain our *Death* with all possible *Resignation*, if *this* be the Day, which the Lord of our Life has ordered for it. Our *Daily Frame* should be this;

Lord, *My Life* is entirely at thy Dispose; And if thou wilt have *this Day*, to be the *Day of my Death*, I will not Rebel against thy *Order*. *Thy Will be done!*

A man *does*, what he *Consents* to do. He who *Consents* every Day to *Dy*, if God shall please to say, *I will have this to be the Day!* Such an one *dies Daily*. To *Die Daily*, is every Day to say with him; Luke II. 29. *Lord, Now lettest thou thy Servant depart in peace*. The Language of a Souldier in his weary Station, [Page 11](#) ready to Draw off, whenever His Great *Commander* shall give the word for it.

IV. To *Die Daily*, is to *Do Daily* those Things, which must be done, by every one that would Hope to *Die Safely*. *Dying Daily*, is Living in a *Daily preparation for Death*. It is demanded of us; Mat. XXIV. 44. *Be ye Ready*. We *prepare for Death*, and so for the Coming of our Saviour to Raise us from the Dead, by Doing those Things, of which the Divine Oracle tells us, *They are the things that accompany Salvation*. To *Do* such Things *Daily*, that so our *Death* whenever it comes may find us *prepared* for it, this is to *Die Daily*. My Hearers, I now demand of you, the greatest Attention, that ever you gave to any thing in the World▪ *Oh! Hearken to me, that God may hearken to you another Day*.

There must be first, an *Habitual preparation* for Death. And one who *Die Daily*, is one who is *Daily doing* of something towards *this preparation: Daily giving* some Good Strokes at the Work which must be done, by all that would [Page 12](#) propose to *Die* in Good Terms with Heaven. You shall have it set before you. One Thing is this. He that would be *prepared* for Death, must be

Righteous. We read, Prov. XIV. 32. It is the *Righteous* who has *Hope in his Death*. At our *Death*, we are in an *Hopeless*, Undone, Forlorn plight, if we are not furnished with a perfect and spotless *Righteousness*, wherein we may stand before the Judgment Seat of God. We cannot obtain such a *Righteousness*, but by Accepting of, and Relying on, that *Righteousness*, which our Saviour has in His *Obedience* as our *Surety* unto God, provided for us. Well then; We must by *faith* make our *Daily Flight* unto the *Righteousness of God*. It must be our *Daily* course, Thankfully, Joyfully, Heartily to *Receive the Righteousness* of the Blessed Jesus, as the *Free Gift* of God, that we may lead it as our Title to Everlasting Happiness. It must be our *Daily* care that we do not continue under the *Guilt* of Sin, & the *Cause* of God, but present before God, the *Sacrifice* of our Blessed Jesus, for our ◊. Thus it is to *Dy Daily*. Another Thing is this. He that would be [Page 13](#) prepared for Death, must be *Holy*. We read, Heb, XII 14. *Without Holiness, no man shall see the Lord*. *Holiness*, will be the *Mark* by which all that at their *Death*, enter into the *Strait Gate*, will be distinguished. *Holiness*, which Lies in a mind Renewed with a principle of *Grace* infused into it: *Holiness*, which Lies in an Heart principled with the predominant *Love* of God: *Wo* to us, if we are Strangers to this! Well then; It must be our *Daily* Study to get our *Enmity* to God all subdued. We must be *Daily* Learning to Fear God, & Prize Christ, & Hate Sin, and perfect *Holiness in the Fear of God*. We must be *Daily* Labouring to get the *Image* of Satan melted out of our Souls, and the *Image* of our Saviour gaining and growing in us. This is to *Die Daily*. A Third Thing is this. He that would be prepared for Death, must be able to give up a *Good Account* unto God, in the Judgment that comes after Death. We read, Rom^s XIV. 12. *Every one of us. shall give an Account of himself unto God*. There is a *Work* which our Lord has assigned us to do in the World. Our *Work* is, To render & procure [Page 14](#) Acknowledgments unto God. We shall after *Death*, be called to an *Account* concerning our *Work*. It must then be our *Daily* Concern, by *Repentance* to get the pardon of all our Miscarriages about the *Work* of God; and by *Diligence* in this *Work*, to be capable of *Giving up our Account with Joy, and not with Grief*. This 'tis to *Die Daily*. We have a Term of *Time* allow'd unto us up on Earth; A *Time*, which Flies away like the *Shadow* of a *Bird* upon the Wing; which is the Chaldee Paraphrase, for, *Our Dayes are as the Shadow*. We shall after *Death*, be called to an Account how we have spent our *Time*. It must then be our *Daily* Concern, to Lay out our *Time* in such Purposes, and Actions, that we may not be thunder struck from our Judge, with, O *Slothful, and Wicked Servant!* This is to *Die Daily*. We are entrusted with *Talents* from our Lord. We are *Talented* with various *Blessings*; with Opportunities to *Do Good*. After *Death*, our *Talents* must be Accounted for; how much, how well, we have improved them. It must be our *Daily* Concern, To Glorify God with all

our Talents; To project, and pursue all [Page 15](#) imaginable wayes for the Glorifying of Him. This 'tis to *Die Daily*.

But then, there must be likewise an *Actual preparation* for Death, And one who *Dies Daily*, is one who is *Daily doing* of something towards this preparation also. To be *Actually prepared* for Death, is to be *Daily* employed in such points of a *Godly Life* as are pleasing to God. It is in a *Daily Exercise* to *keep a Conscience void of offence*. It is in a *Daily* compliance with the Famous Direction, *Be thou in the Fear of the Lord all the Day long*. We read in Luke XII. 43. *Blessed is that Servant, whom his Lord when He cometh, shall find so Doing*. To be *Actually prepared* for Death, is to be *Daily doing* of that, which if our *Death* should come *this Day* unto us, it would be no Damage unto us, to be found *so doing*. My Fellow Travellers; Keep your *Assurance* for Heaven so fair and clear, that the Approach of *Death* may not make you *afraid with any amazement*. Keep your Souls in such an *Heavenly Frame*, that the Advance of *Death* may not find you indisposed for a *Translation* to a Better World. Be *Daily Engaged* in such *Services*, that it [Page 16](#) may be no Disadvantage for you, to be found so Engaged. This 'tis to *Die Daily*. One thing more: *Every Night* a man who *Dies daily*, will bestow some Thoughts on that Question, *If I Die this Night, is all well with me? If I Die this Night, am I sure of a Better Life!*

Do I fall Asleep this *Night* in the Arms of a Faithful Saviour.
Non prius in dulcem declinent Lumi/na Somnum.

V. We are to *Die Daily*, by *Dying to the World every Day*, and becoming *Dead* in respect of our Worldly Inclinations. To *Die Daily*, is to proceed *every Day* in the Work of *Mortification* to the *World: Every Day* to be at that Work; Gal. VI. 14. *I am crucified unto the World*. A man who *Dies Daily*, is one who has in him such *Sentiments* of this World, as *Dying Men* use to have. Come to a *Dying Man*, and ask him, *How this World appears to him?* His Answer will be;

Tis a *Vain World*, a *False World*; It is a miserable Thing to be put off with a *portion in this World*: He is a very foolish and wretched man, who makes it his main Business to Lay up [Page 17](#) a *portion in this World*. The Favour of *God*, and an Interest in a Great *Saviour*, is a thousand times more valuable than *all this World*; is worth *ten thousand Worlds*.

To *Die Daily*, is to Live under the Force of such Sentiments; To *Think of this World*, as *Dying Men* do, and *Live* in this World as *Dying Men* wish to have done. But then, there is this in it: A *Death* upon our Dispositions for *this World*. It is true, And, Oh! When shall we have the *Skill* to place things in their due *Subordination!* O thou

glorious and liberal Giver of Wis|dom, Do thou give this Wisdom unto us!— I would say, it is true, So far as the Enjoyments of this world, may be Subor|dinate unto God, we are to Love them, and Seek them: So far as the Command and Service of God will direct us to do so, we are to Love and Seek the Enjoyments of this world. There is the Love of God in it, when we mind this world but in a Subordination unto GOD. But any further than we may Obey GOD, and Honour GOD, and be Led unto GOD, by this world, we must be Dead unto it. [Page 18](#) *This Dying to the World, is the same with the Dying to Sin, which is required of us: For our Sin lies in Departing from God, both to and for the World. A Death, A Death, upon our Dispositions, for this world; This is a Thing to be Daily maintained, a thing to be Daily studied; And therein, we are to Die Daily. The Dead, how are they Disposed for this world? We read Eccl. IX. 6. Their Love, and their Hatred and their Envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the Sun. Such a Death we should have on, and give to, our Pas/sions for this world; An Holy Indifferency or all the Enjoyments of this World. There should be a Death upon our Esteem for this world. We are to look upon this World, as a Despicable Thing; the Plea/sures of it, as Polluting Things; the Riches of it, as Deceitful Things; the Honours of it, as Empty Nothings. There should be a Death upon our Desire for this world. We are no more to be so Hungry & Thirsty after this World, as carnal minds use to be: Our Appetite for it, this must be pall'd, and lost, and gone: We must see [Page 19](#) no charming Beauty in it. There should be a Death ◊◊ our Delight in this World. This World should not be any part of our Glory: The Things of it, we should reckon as Toyes only for Children to be pleased withal; not for Strong men in Christ: Such Toyes, too low, too mean, to be our Joyes, while our Spirit may rejoice in God our Savi|our. There should be a Death upon our Expectation from this World. We should not promise to our selves, a Satisfaction in and from a World, which is but a Lump of meer Vanity. Dream not, that it will prove any other than a Dream, any better than a Shadow. Despair of ever finding a|ny Content in any Creature. Lay aside the Hopes of any Happiness from such a world▪ Finally. Our Irascible Affections for this World, must also have a Death upon them. We must not be very much Displeas'd at those men, and those things, that hinder us from getting the Great Things of this Little World: Be not sensible of any mighty Harm done unto us, when we are Clogg'd in our Attempts to grow Great in this World. Swell not with Malice and Envy at them who stand in the way of our [Page 20](#) Advancement. Baulk no Duty to get this World; Let no Snares be run into, be|cause we will be Rich; Break not our Hearts with Worldly Sorrow, when we Lose this World; Bear Losses, Easily, Patiently, Suitably. Whatever Grievous Things befall us in this World, we must be but mode|rately Grieved for them. The Temper prescribed unto us, is that, 1 Cor. VII. 30, 31. They that weep, should be as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as tho' they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as tho' they possessed not. This it is to Die Daily. Such Dead men, are in reality, the only Living Ones. These Dead, O Lord, What Won|ders wilt thou shew unto them!*

VI. We are to *Die Daily*, by *Daily meeting* with *Afflictions*, and by *Daily Bearing* of them. To *Die Daily*, is the same that our Saviour speaks of, when He says; Luk. IX. 13. *Let a man take up his Cross Daily*. Our *Afflictions* belong to the *Death*, which is come upon us, by and for our Sin. We *Die Daily*, in those *Afflictions*, which are, as I may call them, The *Van-Couriers* of our *Death*; the *Fore-runners* [Page 21](#) of our *Death*. A man who *Dies Daily*, is one who *Daily Encounters* with *Afflictions*; and may say with him, Ps. LXXIII 14. *I am scourged all the Day long, & chastened every morning*. In *Dying Daily*, we are *Daily* to look for *Troubles*: and have so much *prudence*, that when our *Troubles* come, we shall be able to say, *These were not altogether unlook'd for!* *Every Day* we should arm our selves, for *Unknown Troubles*; as knowing that we *daily* Ly open to many and heavy *Troubles*: When the *Light of the Day* first salutes us, think; *Who can tell the Troubles, which I may see, and into how much Darkness I may be brought, before this Day be done!* We must get an *Heart Established, Confirmed, Strengthened*, against any *Troubles*, which we may be called unto an *Encounter* withal. So the Good man, Ps. CXII. 7, 8. *He is not afraid of Evil Tidings; His Heart is established*. And, when we *Encounter* with our *Daily Troubles*, it should be, how patiently, how quietly, with what a lovely *Resignation!* We *Die Daily*, in making *Daily Sacrifices*; in *Daily* submit[ting] to the *Death* of those *Comforts* which we are most fond of, and which are the [Page 22](#) *Desire of our Eyes*. Then does a man *die* indeed, when his *Will* is *Dead*. We *Die Daily*, when we *Entertain* our *Daily Troubles*, with a *Will* entirely swallow'd up into the *Will of God*. We *Die Daily*, when our *Daily Troubles* find us *willing* to *Drink what/ever Cup our Father shall give us to drink of*. We *Die Daily*, when we bear our *Troubles*, with a sweet *Submission* to our Saviour; be[lieving] that His *Intention* is entirely to make us *partakers of that Holiness* which we have besought Him to *Enrich* us withal; and to make us more meet for our *Heavenly Inheritance*. After this manner we are to *Receive* our *Troubles*;

O my dear Saviour, I will *submit* with thy *Help*, un[to] whatever *Cross* thou shalt order for me.

I know, thou wilt not appoint any *Cross*

for me, but what shall make me *Wiser* and *Better*, and bring me the more to *Glorifie* God. I will *acquiesce* in all thy *Dispensations*.

Return to thy Rest, O my Soul; for the Lord will deal favourably with thee! You see how much goes to *Dying Daily*: And yet one thing more.

VII. To *Die Daily*, and to Good purpose, [Page 23](#) is to *Look Daily*, upon what is to come *After Death*. When we *Dy*, we pass into *Another World*. The Testimonies and Recognitions of this, which our God multiplies unto us, methinks, they should have some Regard paid unto them. Yea, *Out of the mouths of Babes and Sucklings God has Ordained them*. I am to morrow to attend the Funeral of a Child * which was Two years and seven months old; A Child of uncommon Ripeness, and for which, I confess, I had too Engaged a Fondness;— having lain Speechless, under the Arrest of Death, for a Day or Two, her Speech returned a few moments before she died & the very minute that she died, she said *She would go to JESUS CHRIST*. And wi•• Older People now be insensible, that when they are *Dying*, they are Going to JESUS CHRIST, or where,—Oh! how can we do any other than Tremble to Think upon it If we *Dy Daily*, we *Daily* Converse with *Another World*. It is a Thing that should have a *Daily* Impression upon us; That [Page 24](#) God has not done with us, when we have done with *this World*. We shall Exist, & our longest Existence will be in *another world*. In *Dying Daily*, we shall do that thing; 2 Cor. IV. 18. *Look not unto the things which are seen, and are Temporal, but unto the things which are not seen, and are E|ternal*. But let us a little *Enquire*; For the Glorious Redeemer, who is the *True Witness, and the Deliverer of Souls*, has Enabled us to answer the Enquiry; *What will there be after Death?* We are informed; Heb. IX. 27. *After Death, the Judgment*. And now I will tell you, What it is to *Die Daily?* it is to have *Daily*, and Serious, and Solemn Thoughts on the *Judgment* which is to come *After Death*. *Every Day* to think suitably on the *Day of Judgment*, is, to *Die Daily*. It should be a *Daily* Consideration with us; 'Am I Ready to appear before the *Judgment-Seat of the Glorious Lord!* What I am now adoining, will it be *Approved*, or will it be *Condem|ned* from the *Judgment-Seat* of the Glorious God? *What shall I do, when God rises up, and when He visits, what shall I answer Him?* We should be awakened *Every* [Page 25](#) *Day to Fear God, and keep His Command|ments*, from this Consideration; *God will bring every work into Judgment*.

Well; but what follows upon the *Judgment?* We are informed; Matth. XXV. 46. Either *Everlasting Punishment*, or, *Life Eternal*. And now I will again tell you, What it is to *Die Daily*, It is *Every Day* to Look *Downward* into the *Hell*, which the *Wicked, and all they that forget God* shall be turned into: To be driven by that horrible Spectacle, unto the JESUS, who *delivers from the Wrath to come*; To Consider, Oh! *Who can dwell in a Consuming Fire and in Ever|lasting Burnings?* And, *What a Fearful thing it is, to fall into the Hands of the Living God!* It is *Every Day* to Look *Upward*, unto the *Heaven*, where JESUS *Sits at the Right Hand of God*: To be Quickened from the View of the *Recom|pence* there set before us, in *Runing the Race* which is here set before

us: To Consider, *Oh! the Glory, and Honour, and Immortality of the Eternal Life*, which by *patient continuance in well-doing*, I shall [Page 26](#) reach unto! To *Live* in such Contem|plations, is, To *Die Daily*.

And, my Brethren, let me assure you, Thus to *Die Daily*, will take a|way the *Bitterness of Death*. We shall not *Live* the less while, for so *Dying Daily*. It will not *Hasten* our *Death*: But it will *Sweeten* it. Thus to *Dy Daily*, is the way to *Live Wisely*; To *Live Piously, Watchfully, Fruitfully*. Yea, Tis the Way to *Live Eternally*.

FINIS.