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Endless punishment is the lot of the lost. It is  
their sentence upon three grounds.  
1. It is just, that they should be shut out of the  
place of the holy ; because of their past acts of evil.  
2. It is fit that they should be excluded : because of  
their present unholy state of spirit. They are not fit to  
associate with the holy and servants of God. They  
have no sympathy with the renewed. They are the  
Serpent’s seed.  
3. It is wise, that the two parties should be severed.  
The lost are burning brands ; ever ready to set on fire  
all that come near them. They are poisonous plants,  
bearing the seeds of mischief and ready to scatter them  
all around. They are unhappy themselves, and would  
destroy, in great measure, the happiness of the saved,  
if suffered to come among them. Now all these reasons  
remain eternally ; so does their punishment.  
“YT, Jesus, sent mine angel to testify unto you these  
things in the churches.”  
To Jesus belong all the saved, whether fallen or  
unfallen.  
“ My servants.” ‘My two witnesses.” “ Mine  
angels.”  
Again the importance of the book is pressed upon  
our notice from a consideration of the greatness of the  
person who presents it. It is designed to be the  
especial study of the churches. While it speaks of  
things which will go on upon earth after the watchful  
of the churches are removed, it nevertheless is full of  
light and instruction for us during God’s time of  
patience.  
Verses sixteen and seventeen address the churches.  
We have returned, now that the prophetic part of the  
book is closed, to the Church’s usual standing in this  
dispensation, as set among the things which are. ‘The  
Person of the Bridegroom is presented to draw out