58 THE APOCALYPSE Lor. ii. 24  
  
24. ‘ But unto you I say, the rest that are in Thyatira, as many  
as hold not this doctrine, who knew not Satan’s ‘ DEPTHS ’ as they  
eall (them); I cast upon you no other burthen: But what ye  
hold, hold fast till I arrive.”  
  
The sound portion of the Church is now addressed.  
What was the relative proportion of this remnant we  
are not informed: but amidst the sin of some, they  
were guiltless. How full of instruction is this case !  
Here was “evil unjudged”’ by the angel of the Church ;  
there is no call from Christ, for the healthy portion to  
separate itself. There is no hint given by our Lord, that  
the churches in general were to excommunicate all at  
Thyatira for the offences of some. Jesus Himself, after  
blaming the angel for his negligence, bids them only  
hold fast to the truth they possessed already.  
The whole Church was not defiled. There was a  
sound remnant, owned by Christ, while they and He  
still acknowledged the offending angel as head of the  
local Church. They were not responsible for the angel’s  
offence. They are not instructed to depose him. They  
were not to leave communion, but to hold on as they  
stood. The Lord added “no other burthen ”’ to them.  
The Lord can acknowledge the offending angel as not  
only a believer, but possessed of many graces.  
Why were the sound disciples at Thyatira not to  
leave the Church ? Because it was God’s assembly of  
believers in the name of Jesus. As Mr. Darby has well  
said, “The simple answer is, They were God’s churches  
or assemblies in the place mentioned ; and they could  
not be left: corruptions are no ground for leaving the  
church of God.” Claims of the Church of England, p.  
31. “TJ should think it @ great sin to leave a church  
of God because corruptions were found in it.” 32.  
The ground of difference between the sound and the  
guilty was that the former held not the false doctrine,  
which our Lord is reproving. We are responsible for