48 ST. MATTHEW. VII. 18—29.   
   
 forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil   
 fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.   
 yerdaene, 29% Every tree that bringeth not forth-good fruit is hewn   
   
 Joba xv. “down, and cast into the fire. % Wherefore by their fruits   
 ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me,   
 \* Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but   
 sch. xxv.   
 18, Luke he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.   
 "22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we   
 “so sane at \*prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast   
 Bl. 1 Cor.   
 xiii, out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works ?   
 benoit, 23 And then will I profess unto them, >I never knew you:   
 1%. , depart from me, ye that work iniquity. % Therefore   
 Pa: whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and ‘doeth them,   
 uJ will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house   
   
 upon a rock: 23 and the rain descended, and the floods   
 U Our earliest read, shall be likened.   
   
 fruit.” On the other hand, these verses belief, been the object of our confes-   
 were his weapon against the shallow Pela- sion of faith. prophesied] i.e., so   
 gian scheme, which would look at men’s often in N. T., preached, not necessarily   
 deeds apart from the living root in man foretold future See 1 Cor. xii.   
 out of which they grew, and suppose that and note. On cast out devils, note on   
 man’s unaided will is capable of good. ch. viii. 32. 28.) See Luke xiii.   
 Trench, Serm. on the Mount, p. 150. 25—27. will I profess (more pro-   
 20. ye shall know them] The original perly, confess) is here remarkuble, as a   
 more force; ‘ye shall thoroughly know statement of the simple truth of facts,   
 them’ see 1 Cor. xiii. 21.) The opposed to the false colouring and self-   
 doom of the hypocritical false prophets dereit of hypocrites—‘ I will them   
 introduces the doom of all and the plain truth. I never knew you,   
 brings on the solemn close the whole, in i.e. in sense in which it is John   
 which the hypocrite and the true x. 14, “I know my sheep (lit. things   
 are parabolicaliy Observe that that are mine), and am known by them.”   
 here the Lord sets Himself as the Neither the preaching Christ, nor doing   
 Judge in the great day, and at the same miracles in His is an infallible   
 time speaks not of ‘my will,” but “the of being His genuine servants, but onl:   
 will of my Father :’’ an important and the devotion of to God’s will this   
 invaluable doctrinal in this ve knowledge brings about. 24. these   
 ning of His ministry in first Gospel. sayings of mine} more probably, these   
 e context must rule meaning of such sayings from me: see Acts i. 4, ye have   
 wide words as saith. Here it is evidently heard of (from) me. The expression,   
 used of mere lip homage ; but in man sayings, seems to bind together the Ser-   
 can say that Jesus is the Lord,” 1 Cor. mon, and preclude, as indeed does the   
 xii. 3, the has the deeper mean- whole structure of the Sermon, the sup-   
 ing of a genuine heartfelt To position that these last chapters are   
 seek for discrepancies in passages this merely a collection of sayings uttered   
 kind implies a predisposition find them: at different times. 2 ain liken]   
 and is to treat Holy Scripture with less Meyer and Tholuck take this to   
 than that measure of candour which we signify, not ‘I will compare,’ but ‘I   
 ive to writings of one will make at that day like” But it   
 &. in that day] perhaps refers ver. 19: is, perhaps, more in analogy with the   
 or it may be the expression common in usage of the Lord’s discourses to under-   
 the prophets of the day of the : stand it, I will compare: so ch. xi.   
 . Isa. 20; xxv. 9 al. Sothe Jews 16: Luke xiii. 18. 25.) This simi-   
 called the tt day of judgment “that litude must not be pressed to an alle-   
 oy 7 thy name] perhaps better gorical or symbolical meaning in its de-   
 thy name, that name having filled out tails, e.g. so that the rain, floods,