178 ST. MATTHEW. XXV. 41—46.   
 unto me. 4! Then shall he say also unto them on the left   
 revit, hand, \* Depart from me, ye cursed, \*into ! everlasting fire,   
 “axl prepared for the devil and his angels: 4 for I was an   
 \*juas.\* hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye   
 gave me no drink: #8 I was a stranger, and ye took me   
 not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison,   
 and ye visited me not. “ Then shall they also answer .   
 [x him], suying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or   
 athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and   
 did not minister unto thee? 4 Then shall he answer   
 oPrev.xty st: saying, Verily I say unto you, ° Tnasmuch as ye did   
 8 doe it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.   
 “ome a 48 And ‘these shall go away into | everlasting punishment :   
   
   
   
   
 “7™ but the righteous into life eternal.   
   
 XXVI. } And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished   
 \ ender, the eternal fire which hath been prepared.   
   
 X omit. 1 render, eternal (the word is the same in both places).   
 is fulfilled covenant of God to Abra- have lived in punishing   
 ham, “in thy seed shall all the nations those who have quenched it in an un-   
 of the earth (so in LXX) be blessed.” loving and selfish life—and the accom-   
 Gen. xxii. 18. 41—43.] It is very plishment of his office,   
 important to observe the distinction be- even from out of the iniquities a rebel-   
 tween the blessing, 34, and the curse lious world, his sovereign m to re-   
 here. ‘ Blessed—of my Father :’—but not joice against judgment. 46.] See   
 “cursed of my Father.’ because all John v. 28, 29; and as taking up the   
 salvation of God—all his condemnation phetic history at this point, Rev. xxi.   
 JSrom himself. ‘The Kingdom, jared 1—8. Observe, the same epithet is   
 Jor you: but ‘the fire, which has been in the original punishment and life—   
 repared for the devil and his angels’ which are here contraries—for the life   
 greater definiteness not be given here spoken of is bare existence,   
 than by the words in the original: that would have annihilation for its ;   
 particular fire, eternal fire, is but blessednese and reward, to which   
 —but no book of Death; a book for Life punishment and misery are antagonist   
 —because the blood of Jesus hath pur- terms. As regards the interpretation   
 chased life for all: but they who will this chapter, coincidence of these   
 serve the devil, share with him in the tions of Scripture with the pro-   
 end. The repetition of all par- cess of the great things in Rev. xx.   
 ticulars shews how exact even for ev. and xxi. is never to be overlooked, and   
 individual the judgment will be. Stier should be our guide to their explanation,   
 excellently remarks, the curse shews however distrustful may be of its cer-   
 the lermination of High Priesthood of tainty. Those who set this coincidence   
 Christ, in office only intercedes aside, and interpret portion by itself,   
 and blesses. Henceforth He is King and without connexion with the rest, clearly   
 Lord—his enemies being now for ever put wrong. The only alternative view seems   
 under his feet. 44, 45.] See note to be that which regards this the judg-   
 on ver. 37. The sublimity of this ment at the time of Israel’s deliverance,   
 description surpasses all imagination— previous tothe Millennium. This has been   
 Christ, as Son of Man, the Shepherd, urged on me lately by a very able cor-   
 the King, the Judge—as the centre and respondent: but I cannot see how it   
 end of all human love, bringing out and agrees with the great features of the   
 rewarding hia latent grace in those who description as out above.   
 Cuap. XXVI. 1, 2.) Frnau announor-   
 MENT OF HIS SUFFERINGS, NOW CLOSE AT   
 Hand. Mark xiv. 1. Luke xxii.1. The .