510 ST. JOHN. Vv.   
   
 I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is   
   
 Beh. i.15,18, ty 33 Ye 8 sent unto John, »and he 4 dare witness unto   
 ora. the truth. 341 Bué I reeeive not k ¢estimony from man:   
 but these things I say, that ye might be saved. 35 He   
 %. wasla burning and ° a shining light: and ¢ye were willing   
 m for a season to rejoice in his light.   
 36 But °2T have greater witness than that of John: for   
 Mark vi.   
 ei John v.9.   
 fet. ii2 | fthe works which the Father ° ath given me to finish, the   
 same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father   
   
 & render, have sent. b yender, hath borne.   
 1 better, yet. K render, my testimony.   
   
 1 ;ender, the lamp lighted and shining.   
 ™ render, to rejoice for a season.   
 2 render, the testimony which I have is greater than [¢hat of] John.   
 ° render, gave.   
   
 parallel places. and I know... Wette takes the article as meaning, ‘ the   
 is i Son’s testimony to the Father’s lamp which was to lead you,’ &e. 5   
 ch. (iii. vii. 285 viii, 55. On John gs the light lighted not lighting,   
 It testifies the full consciousness on the see note, ch. i. and shining] The   
 part of the Son, even in the days of his description sets forth the derived, and   
 humiliation, of the righteousness of the transitory nature of John’s light.   
 Father: and (for the testimony of the and ye... . ] See Ezek. xxsiii, 30, 32.   
 Father to the Son is contained in the «But you wished only to disport your-   
 Scriptures) also to His 6—8) of psalm and” selves in his light for a time—came out   
 type and prophecy, as applied to Himself to him in crowds at first,—and—like   
 and His work. 33.] See ch. i, 19. silly children who play with the fire till it   
 The connexion is,—another testifies of Me burns and hurts them, and then shrink   
 (ver. 32)—‘not John only, although he, from and loathe it,—when he began to   
 when sent to, did certainly testify to the speak of deep repentanceas the preparation   
 truth; for’ &e. he bare witness for God’s Kingdom, and laid the axe to the   
 unto the truth, not merely (Grot.) mo- root of the trees, you left him.’ No one   
 destly said ;—but necessarily. Bare wit- cared, when he was imprisoned and put to   
 ness to Me would have been asserting death. And even those few who remained   
 what the next verse denies. 34.) ‘1 true to him, did not follow his direction to   
 receive not my testimony (the testimony Christ. -For the mass of the people, and   
 to Me of which I have spoken) from mai, their leaders, his mission was in vain.   
 but I mention John’s testimony, that you 36.] Literally, I have my witness   
 may make the intended use of it, to be led greater than John; or, than that of John;   
 to Me for salvation.’ 35.] This was —but perhaps this is not needed, for John   
 shews, as Stier rightly observes, that himself was a testimony. for the   
 John was now cast into prison, if not works, not His miracles alone, although   
 executed. the lamp] The article has those principally; but ¢hke whole of His   
 been taken by some to point to the pro- life and course of action, full as it of   
 phecies coneerning John, But we have no holiness, in which, and as forming har-   
 passage in the O. T. which designates monious parts of which, His miracles were   
 Elias in such terms. In Ecclus. xlviii. 1 testimonies of His divine mission. His   
 we read of him, “ Then stood up Elias the greatest work (ch. vi.29) the awakening   
 prophet as fire, and his word burned like of faith, the quickening of which we have   
 @ lamp,” which Stier thinks may be re- heard before, to which the miracles were   
 ferred to here. We may,as indeed he also but as means to an end. the same   
 suggests, believe that those words repre- works that I do} The repetition isto shew   
 sent or gave rise to a common way of that His life and working was an exact   
 speaking of Elias, as certain Rabbis were fulfilment of the Father’s will. The works   
 called ‘The candle of the Law,’ &e. De which the Father hath given me to do,   
 those very works which I am doing ..