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PRAYING AND LIVING.

"Now we know that God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshiper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. – John 9:31.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."
– Ps. 66:18.

Ever labor to live suitably to thy prayers. It is to no purpose to begin the day with God and then spend it with the devil; to be a saint in the morning in thy closet, and then a sinner all day in the world.

Having prayed against sin, be sure you watch against it, avoiding the occasions and temptations thereto; for otherwise you will fall before it. Having prayed for holiness of life, labor to live holily. Having prayed for humility, labor to walk humbly. Having prayed for sobriety and temperance, labor to live soberly and temperately. Having prayed in the Spirit, labor to walk in the Spirit. Ever bear in mind that to pray for one thing and live for another is a contradiction and an impiety. The whole course of one's life should savor of one's prayers. He who hath all his religion in his prayers, hath no religion at all.

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ONE of the keenest replies ever given by a liberal religious newspaper to a bigoted advocate of future punishment was lately given by the Christian Register to the Examiner. Rev. Joseph Cook, in one of his lectures, declared that no living man knows anything about the theory of probation, and expressed an opinion that the charitable view of the question was, that probation after death would be granted those who failed to accept the gospel in this life. The Examiner denounced this liberal doctrine and declared there was no

hope for those who failed in this life to accept the gospel. The Christian Register thereupon, in reply, suggested that the Examiner print its edition on black paper with a small margin of white, that its color might correspond with its theology and doctrine.

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"THOSE who are weary and are heavy laden in any sense, who are tired of the world, and of false teaching, and long for the truth; they who have consciences burdened by a sense of sin, and are ready to hear glad tidings, can hear them from Him. Only to such can the gospel be glad tidings, or good news. Only to such can it give rest. Rest is what such want, and he can give it to them and will."
