



‘Thy Word is Truth.’—John 17:17.

Autobiography of the Bible.

I AM the oldest book in existence, having outlived the storms of thirty centuries. Men have endeavoured by every means possible to banish me from the face of the earth; they have hidden, torn, burnt, reviled and despised me, and have done to death tens of thousands of my faithful witnesses. Indeed no other book has been more bitterly hated, no other book has been more dearly cherished; no other book has been so misrepresented and misunderstood; but today, while many of my foes slumber in death, I still live on.

IT is not for me to speak of the conflicting creeds laid to my charge, but on behalf of the one true purpose of my Revered Author I appeal to reason. Look at the stately trees of the forest, the living green of the meadows bespangled by a thousand lovely flowers, the singing birds that delight themselves amid the beauties of nature; the blue dome of heaven, illumined by the sun, moon and stars that space out a universe too immense for man to fathom: and know that the Creator of these things has a wise and loving purpose equally great and beautiful on behalf of man.—*Isa. 55: 6-13.*

HERE is revealed within my covers a chain of testimony which gives evidence of a plan so broad and a design so deep as to be beyond the power of human origin. My story centres around the dear Redeemer, who ‘by the grace of God tasted death for every man.’ Based upon this atoning sacrifice, all the dead will be raised, and the whole earth made glorious with life and happiness everywhere, without a trace of sorrow, pain or death.—*Isa. 11: 1-9; 60: 13. Rev. 21: 1-7.*

MY message has blessed every follower of Jesus. It has inspired them with hope, encouraged them with zeal, comforted them in sorrow, strengthened them in faith till they have laid down their all in death, awaiting their grand reward. Like the crystal springs from the mountain side which flow on and on to refresh the luxuriant verdure on the plain below, so in the glad day now dawning, the waters of truth will impart its life-giving blessings to the willing and obedient of mankind, who will forever with one sweet accord, praise, love and adore my Beloved Author.—*Rev. 5:8-13.*