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And he answering, said unto him, Lord, let it alone this fruit
also, till I shall dig about it and dung it.
And if it bear fruit, well: and if
not, after that thou shalt cut it
down.

The alternations of day & night
follow each other in such rapid
succession, that they attract no
special attention. Not is the
revolutions of years; the original
character of man as a religious
Being is not to for affected from
the heathen, but that they obey to
the dictates of the nature of men.

As for us to pay some attention
to the silent yet irresistible voice
of Nature’s God, as expressed in the
revolution of the season. Those who
are familiar with the customs of this
Jahrtaeuser's Heathen Empire. Know
the interest with which the New Year
is hailed by them. The phenomenon
in nature when Joshua said in the
fight of Israel, ‘Sun, stand thou still
upon Gibeon, and thou Moon, in the
Valley of Ajalon, and turn not again
than the moral phenomenon in
China, when the earth completed its
commissions another climate bound
the Sun. Theircanvas millions
Simultaneously with their accustomed avocations, the
invincible eye beholds an Eucharist of
impious urging these sedulities
together, to a thirst of the human
race perpetrate before their further
idols in imaginary clothes. A year
is gone. Its experiences have left an
indelible impression upon their minds.
A new year succeeds. Its necessities &
contingencies affect every mind. The
gods of wealth, of power & law & fear
are eager to contend for the
interests of the community so as to
control those contingencies. The din
of urgent, the explosion of excitement, the
burning of incense, the Bowling
out of Whistlers, & violent & angry...
blind
express the indebted gratitude for
the path that his confidant adopts
for the future. And even among
those who, staking a faltering
light, yet, not fully under the
influence of the higher principles
of our most holy civilization, do
not fail to discover the instinct
of interest that may mature in an
event of so much importance.
It is the relations of the annual
 divisions of time to eternity, my
friends, give to His espousal its most
fertile interest to the Christian.
Through the removed abbreviations
of the truths of his declarations who
proclaimed himself to the
Patriarch. Behold the Lamb. The
Lord God, Merciful and Gracious,
long suffering, abundant in good and truth, we are bound to enter upon another path. (In my study) to make the most suitable impression of the form the subject embraced in our text has presented itself for our consideration.

All commentators to for at least examined are agreed in the opinion that the problem of which the text is a part, is intimately connected with the various repeated assertions of the sinner in the preceding chapter. I tell you may, but will not be defeated, ye shall all have will judge. It is designed to give emphasis to that solemn declaration. The Parable was spoken undoubtedly
with all of that primary reverence
to God, but equally applicable
to all men in all ages who should
like them enjoy the day and means
of grace afforded by the Gospel.
The Prophet thus speaks: "A
certain man had a fig tree planted
in his vineyard; and he came to
forthwithruit thereof found none.
Then said he unto the vinedresser
of his vineyard, Behold, this third
year I come seeking fruit on this
fig tree; and find none: cut it down;
why standeth it in the ground?"
And he answering, said unto him,
Lord, let it alone this year also.
till I shall dig about it I confess.
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And if it bear fruit, well; if
not, then after that thou shalt
cut it down.

These rules when dressed of their metaphysical garb contain the following doctrines. That this world is a theatre of probation, of which God is the Author, and in which man is the actor, of which Christ is the Superintendent and conductor. But the Father whose object ever was to instruct and form mankind, often borrowed the aid of metaphor to render his instructions more easily comprehensible. I the more impress it upon my understand. A certain man, possessing a vineyard, is intended to illustrate God's relation to this world or life of probation, and the fig. ten plants
in a bondage. Whereas, man in the enjoyment of a day of grace, as
was in the nature of things fit
and reasonable, the proprietor of
the vineyard came & brought fruit
from the tree of his special care
from God, his rational offering
whom in the morning state of
his endless being, has placed in
this world predominantly to his taste
for to the knowing, exerting the al-
menial fruits of existence, & love,
& a holy life, & plant the owner
of the vineyard found not fruit
exhibits the appalling fact, which
is true of myriads of men in the
enjoyment of the Gospel dispensation,
and they bring forth none of the expected
fruits to their Creator!
Then pride is to the ambitious. Behold these three years I come taking fruit on this fig-tree, I find none. Some have suggested from the coincidence in time, that the "three years" may have allusion to the three years of the favor's ministration on earth, but more probably, it is one of those instances in which a definite number is used to represent an indefinite, so that the sense is that of a long time even to the exclusion of all hope that any future returns would be more successful. So it is affecting to think how many enjoy the privileges of the Gospel, and yet do nothing at all to honor God, nor to answer the designs of his
contriving them with their families; and it is a disappointment to them, and a grief to the Spirit of his grace.

The other tree cut it down. O the reason for it? Why remove it from the ground? Are men up to command themselves to any uncivilized mind? Is God pleased to the churl of his vineyard, to Christ, to whom all judgment is committed, and now virtually set to his minister, who are in his name, to declare this aloud. And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also.

If I shall dig about it I shall find it, and if it bear fruit, well; if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.
Here we have the bitterness interested. The object of his prayers now could not resist without one trial more. Per-Clouner under the additional care and culture, my deep interest for the long-suffering now prompts me to make, it may red in our expelled time, and by it carry us forward. In this is effectually exhibited the intercession of Christ, who ever lives near and before his Father's throne.
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The great truth which I desire should stand out in bold belief before the mind this day 1 which I would to God might be indelibly engraven upon each of our hearts, is, that this life, measured by months and years, is one of probation.

That the continuity of this probation to each individual, depends upon the intervention of Christ.

That this life is one of probation has been implied in expressed in the expositions of the Parable, and with the condition believer.
The Gospel requires no argumentation to prove it. But the fact of its continuance depending upon the tenure of mankind in the earth, but hand in hand with Christ, may well accu-

ry at any time in the course of a few moments when this first Judder of a Mother New.

Thus sang the blessings which are richly enjoyed in profound ignorance of the principles on which they depend. The world for ages enjoyed the benefits depending upon the laws of mature, while they remained in ignorance of the true cause of the misfortunes of the seasons.
and the regularity & harmony of the moving bodies. All the advantages of the earth's revolutions round the sun, seem at first 
only enjoyed in mood, prior at subsequent to the discovery of philosophy. But this revo-
tion is the result of two diametrically opposite principles, the centripetal & centrifugal 
forces. But not to in relation to grand moral truths now under consideration. It is not enough. my 
most friends, that we know the fact that hitherto our fascination for eternity has been 
another year & still continues.
It is important for you to know, I realize, I for me, as one entrusted with the ministry of the Gospel, however unworthy, to endeavor to instruct how your mind, as I would show my own, that nothing but the intercession of our Risen Redeemer, had justified the sentence from being pronounced upon each one of us whom the instructor of an unfaithful fig. tree represents, cut it down why conclude it the ground? And if then be one who has entitled whom this new year, who has not as yet answered the design of his protection, so for
as it has advanced, nothing
approaches the righteous chivalry
of his Maker; I mean his
patience & long suffering to
protest another year. The bitter
to unimpaired & without
day of trial, but the interesting
love of Christ.

Here are Jehovah's State & Thcons
bear to which, but a dying hour
and Eternity's Light will be
lost them with all the nearest
fruitless & intrinsic in poor
verse.

How interesting to affecting the
attitude in which the Jesus is
exhibits himself in His Body.
when viewed in connection with all his constitutions, his dying love, his atoning gifts. He, the Father of Eternity, the being by whom all things are done and realized, in connection to become Immanuel, God with us. God manifested in the flesh, for a time lived among the glories that surrounded his throne, I left the firm age of worshipping angels, adoring Jehovah, and cherubim, to put into a mission of Redeeming man to our fallen world, in which I undertook completed perfect obedience to the divine law.
commit 2 perfect salvation to our world; making a complete and acceptable atonement by the expiation of his own life. And when the period arrived when he could say to the Father whom became a fellowshamer he had left for ever. I have glorified the on earth; I have finished the work than joined me to the. And now, O Father! glorify me with thy own self, with Thy glory I shall have the beloved world was. This was not sufficient as he ascended on high bearing captivity captive, in left behind him the requisite instruments it for carrying out all the designs.
of His truth. To Rome he gave Apostles, to Rome Prefects, to Rome evangelists, to Rome Potentates and teachers for the perfecting of Christians. To the propagation of His Gospel through all nations, throughout all the generations of time. And in about ten days after His Ascension He fulfilled his promise of sending the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, which made its first wonderful appearance upon the day of Pentecost. And now as he looks down from his high abode, he beholds the world when he was crucified, in which he has established a distribution of mercy again.
Abhorst the sinful neglect of all the influences of the Holy Spirit.

Monkeys of grace, I the divine

Come to the Lord in the order

From year to year, in behalf

Of those who enjoy the culture

Of the Gospel distinctions.

Yet bring forth no fruit. And

Let it be repeated. I remembered

That it is to this climax of a nation

Come, that the sentence has not yet

Been passed upon the improver.

"Cut it down why so heavy in the

ground?"

It may have been remarked that

Ministers of the Gospel who are

intertwined with the ministry of

reconciliation, in proportions
as they profess the wish of the
Great Intercessor, will also inter-
cede with God in behalf of thir
impenitent fellow man, while
they comply with new orders. These
means of moral culture which
are best calculated to succeed
in the divine plan to the eternal
benefit of their inmates.

Were it practicable and consistent
with the Puritive object for
which I came sent hither
I sustained by the Christian
Church, the ancient interest
I feel I shall ever feel in the
highest good of this community,
would prompt me to devote no
small share of my time to that
labor, that I might early fulfill
bring forth fruit from the Word of God. Something to edify, it is in the highest degree beneficial my auditors. But this is impracticable. When our time is occupied with listening to a printed letter there is an original difficulty. It is denied that it may be brought in mind, that it is the result of merit

of choice.

And if it be so fruitfull in the fruit of obedience to God as for most of us it is. Will 1. Well in time. 2. Well forever, in freewill, in advent, in affliction, in dying, in dying death. If not then after shall cut it down.

We are her taught by the Salamis alternative. If my friends, after a fair trial, the measure of
our common Mend, the foundations will be disturbed if I should
down.
For, notwithstanding the claim of Christ for the salvation of men, his
attachment to the half-caste Gommat is greater. It has been shown that
rather than his law should be violated, if there will the
end is known.
It is interesting to reflect that, with great numbers, the last
year it has been well in Well when
they ask for some new term they have to judge of the
status of, so the good thing for eternity.
But it affecting to reflect that
with many the Jemmener has
been executed, as we shall see
when the books are opened
and after it all reveals our darken.
We do not mean simply that they are dead, but rather that of every step in death...
My friends, God has waited long upon us. With those who have entered the work of this forbearance it has been, I will be forever well.

And they say, convinced by his own conscience that the first great duty of man is yet neglected. It becomes such to reflect that the present years may be spent in renunciation of selfishness. I believe it may be leaned to a world of destruction.

There is one reflecting man that can not be omitted without inequity.

If God pleased God in his inscrutable wisdom, to visit our nation could
with a dream, fiercely her terrible, trio
Pheidias 72 fl - thousands, Pheidias
Suen fallen before it, from cities
I trust have been literally destroyed,
and the same destroying dream
has been witnessed here - and a few
have been cut off by it. But the great
man's life, has been spared.

Shall the nation be it, England
and America, and the whole
nation to remember, fasting and
prayer, that God in his mercy
would bless his people, from
after distresses, and shall our
exemption from the calamity another
no gratitude, I think are thankless
being given? Let our gratitude be
evinced by our friend and
come to his face, and let each of us strive to glorify God by bringing forth much fruit to the praise of his grace, and thus through this we may not jettison the present grace, nor shall not, in the mean poor text, he cut down the tree that he well with for Eternity. Amen.