

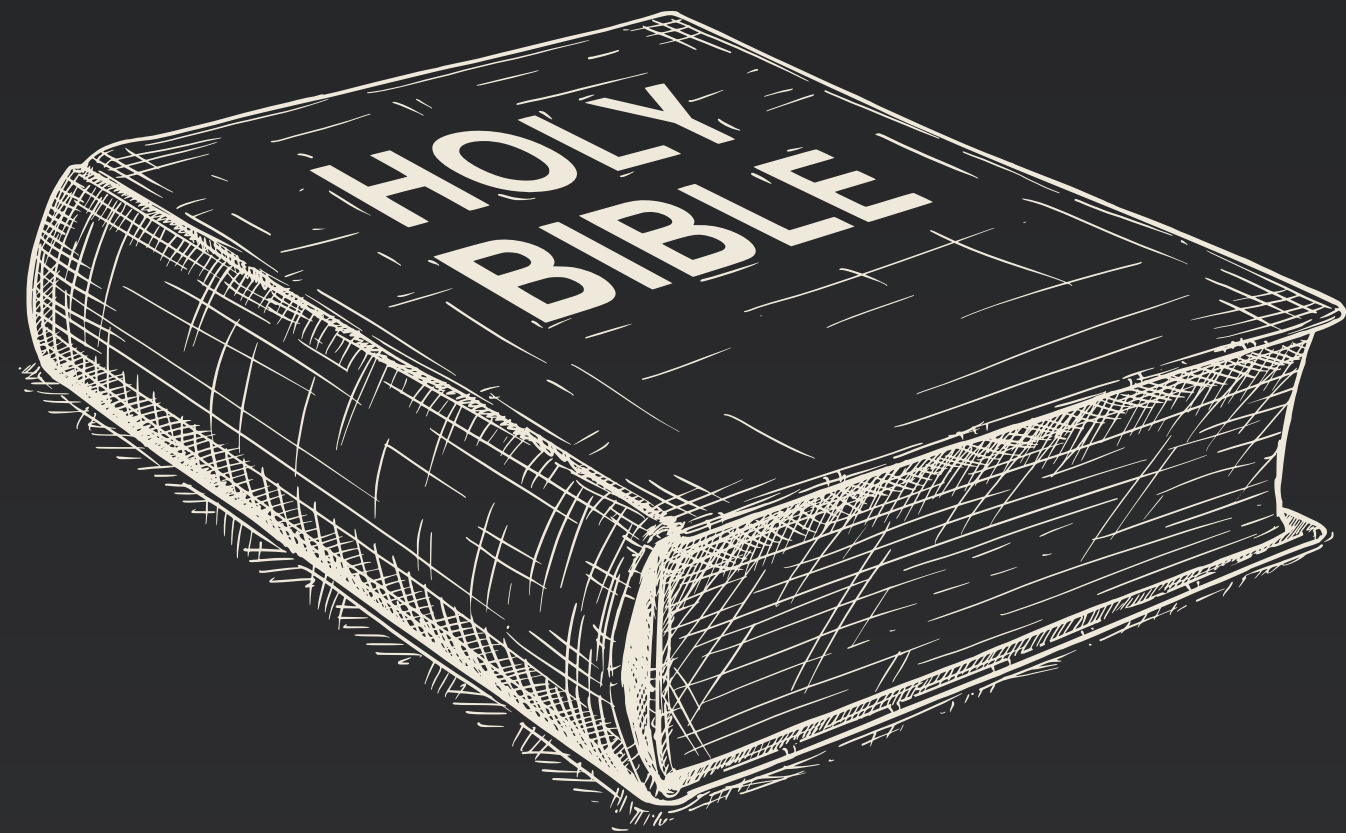


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# A Brief History of the 19th Century Scottish Evangelical Revival





“At the first outbreak of holy impression, it seemed as if the influence were universal. The hearts of thousands were simultaneously stirred with spiritual concern, and a solemn awe and fear pervaded the community. There were inquirers, more or less anxious, in every street – almost, as it seemed, in every second house. Iniquity, as ashamed, hid its face; sinners in Zion became afraid, and the one thing needful became on all hands the one absorbing subject of thought and converse. Looming shops were turned into places of prayer, and factories into preaching stations. The church was thronged night after night for months together with eager and earnest worshippers, while prayer-meetings, like water runnels swollen by winter rains, teemed and overflowed on every side.”

**Islay Burns**



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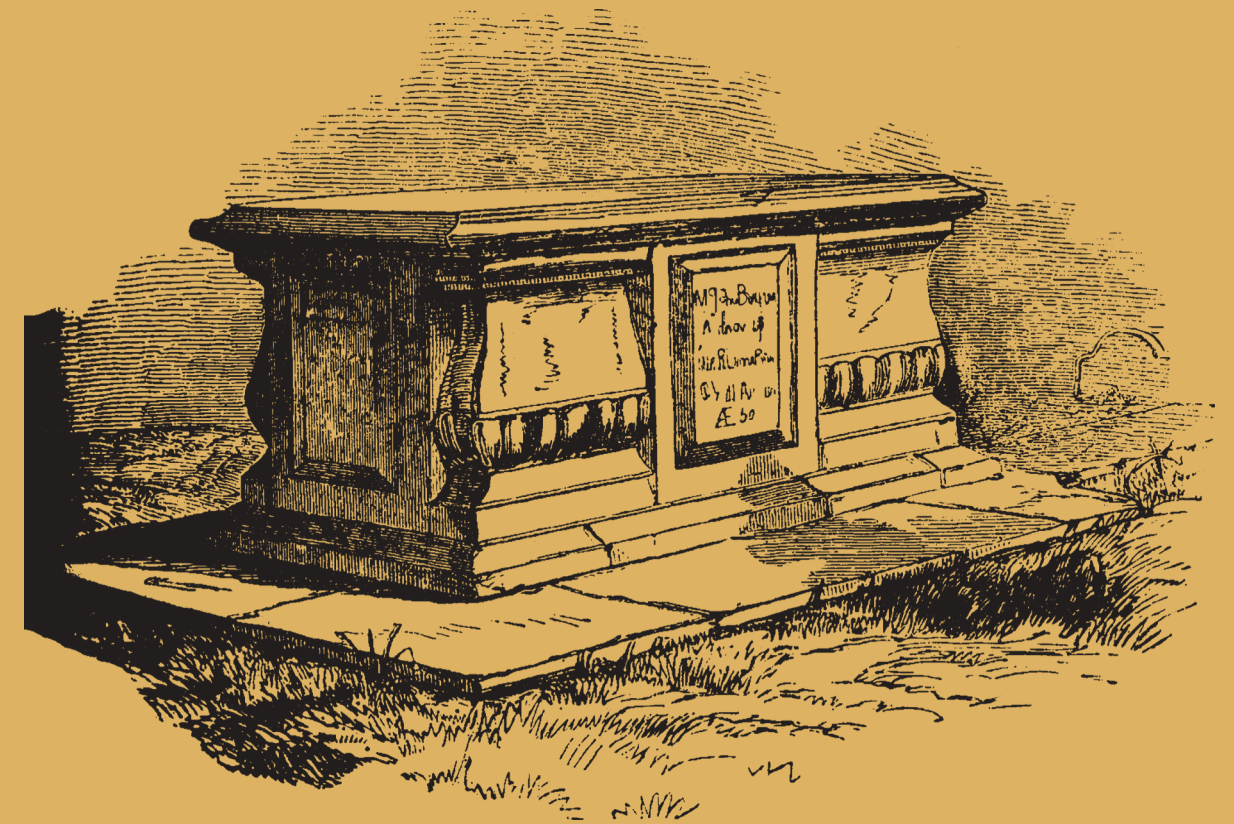
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“You may remember the fond and unbroken tenacity with which your heart has often recurred to pursuits, over the utter frivolity of which it sighed and wept but yesterday. The arithmetic of your short-lived days, may on Sabbath make the clearest impression upon your understanding - and from his fancied bed of death, may the preacher cause a voice to descend in rebuke and mockery on all the pursuits of earthliness - and as he pictures before you the fleeting generations of men, with the absorbing grave, whither all the joys and interests of the world hasten to their sure and speedy oblivion, may you, touched and solemnized by his argument, feel for a moment as if on the eve of a practical and permanent emancipation from a scene of so much vanity.”

**Thomas Chalmers**





“Dearly beloved and longed-for, my heart’s desire for you, is to see you a holy people. How much longer my ministry may be continued among you, God only knows; but if God give me health and grace among you, I willingly devote my all to Him. No moment, no pleasure, no ease, no wealth, do I wish for myself. I feel that He has bought me, and I am His property. O come, give yourselves to the Lord with me! Bind yourselves to the horns of God’s altar. Time past is enough to have been the devil’s—the world’s—our own. Now let us be Christ’s alone. Are you willing? Lord, bear witness; seal it in heaven; write it in Thy book. Bear witness, angels, devils, stones and timber—bear witness, Jesus, Lamb of God! We are Thine now, and Thine forever. What have we to do any more with idols?”

**Robert Murray A’Cheyne**



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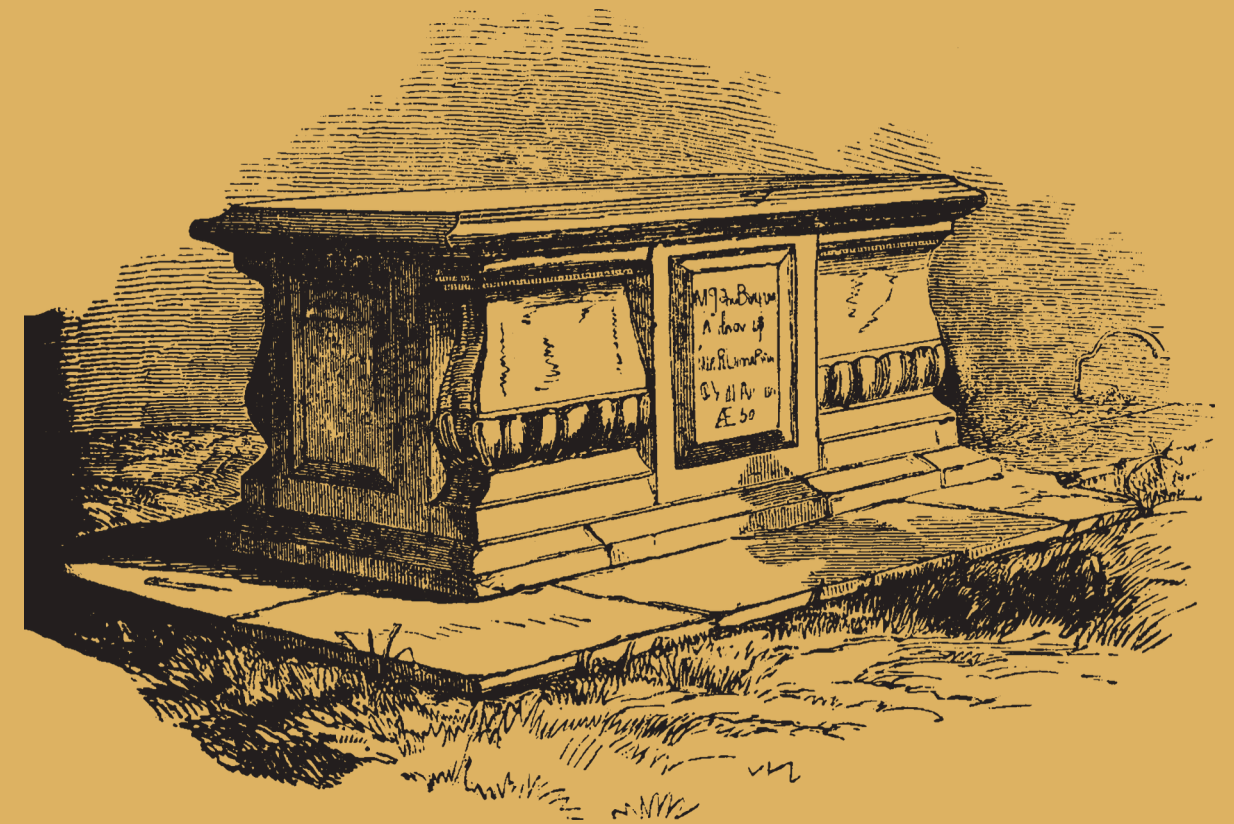
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“The grace of God in forgiveness is as free and unfettered in its sovereignty, as absolute, unlimited and unconditional in its proposal, as his law is absolute in its authority... Untrammelled by any circumstances, unhampered by any conditions, it offers free and immediate, full and irreversible, forgiveness to every hearer of the gospel; and whosoever will, let him come!”

**Hugh Martin**





“Yes, the message we are commissioned to bring is not one of wrath, but of love and joy . . . I beseech you to mark that we do not invite you to come and make a feast for yourselves, to bring your own provisions with you. No, we invite you to a ready-prepared feast. ‘All things are ready.’ The oxen and the fatlings are killed; the wine is poured out; the garments are waiting your acceptance; all things are ready’ not one things is unprovided.”

**Robert Murray A'Cheyne**





“We also feel ourselves warranted to say to one and to all of you, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and ye shall be saved.’ ‘Repent and be converted, and your sins shall be forgiven you.’ Return unto God, and He will be reconciled. If you do as we bid you, God's decree respecting your deliverance from hell, a decree which we have not the previous knowledge of, will be made known by its accomplishment. Again, we call upon you, our hearers, to compare your situation with that of the centurion and the soldiers. They were told by a prophet that they were to be saved; and when that prophet told them what they were to do for the purpose of saving themselves, they obeyed him. They did not say, ‘O it is all predestinated, and we may give up our anxieties, and do nothing.’”

**Thomas Chalmers**





“O, ye to whom this melancholy description applies... We would beseech you to stop short in your career of thoughtlessness and folly... And we would hold up to view the ordinance you have been disregarding as exhibiting, in the death and mediation of Christ, the only way by which you can return to God, and obtain eternal life; and as denouncing at the same time, through the sorrows and ignominies of the cross, that awful retribution which awaits those who reject the salvation of the gospel, and will not to have Christ rule over them.”

**Andrew Thomson**



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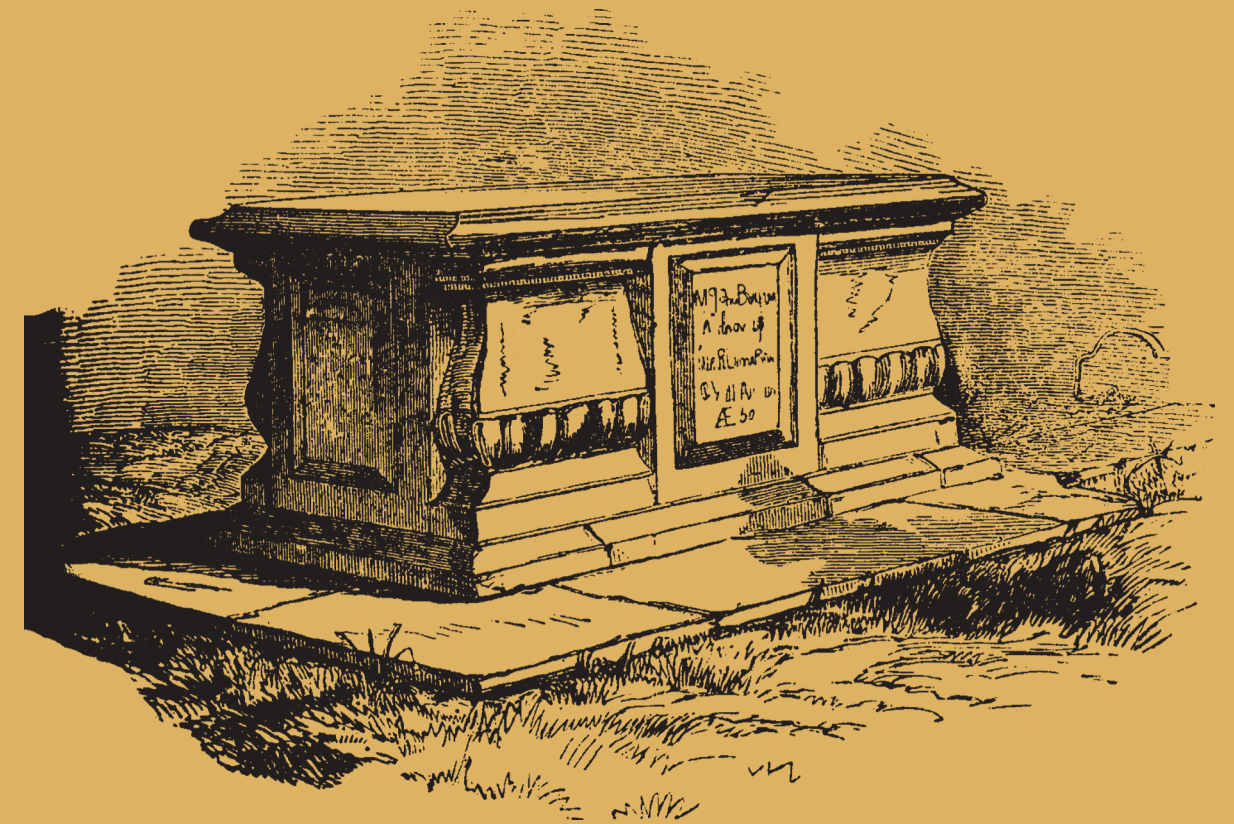
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“The revealed things which we find there belong to us, and we press them upon you – ‘Unless ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.’ ‘If ye believe not in the Son of God, the wrath of God abideth in you.’ ‘Be not deceived, neither covetous, nor thieves, nor extortioners, nor drunkards, shall inherit the kingdom of God.’ ‘He who forsaketh not all, shall not be a disciple of Christ.’ ‘The fearful, and the unbelieving, and the abominable, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.’ These are plain declarations, and apart from the doctrine of predestination altogether, they ought, and if they are believed and listened to, they will have a practical influence upon you. We call upon you not to resist this influence but to cherish it.”

**Thomas Chalmers**





“All unconverted souls are in the fire. You are in the fire for two reasons: You are condemned to the fire. 'He that believeth not is condemned already' (John 3:18). There is as it were a great pile of wood on which you are placed, and it is set on fire. The fire indeed has not yet reached you, though soon it will. Your hell is already begun. Just as the children of God have their heaven begun, so you have got your hell begun. You have burning lusts, and burning passions raging within you these are the beginnings of hell. But ah! brethren, those of you who have been brought to Christ are brands plucked out of the fire. Observe that Christ plucks the brands out of the fire, and grafts them into the living vine, that they may be made to glorify God by bearing fruit. You will be made to glorify God in one of two ways: either by bearing fruit, or by being cast, soul and body, into hell. 'The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil' (Proverbs 16:4). Oh! brethren, which do you choose? O brands in the fire! will you not cry to be plucked out of the fire?”

**Robert Murray M'Cheyne**



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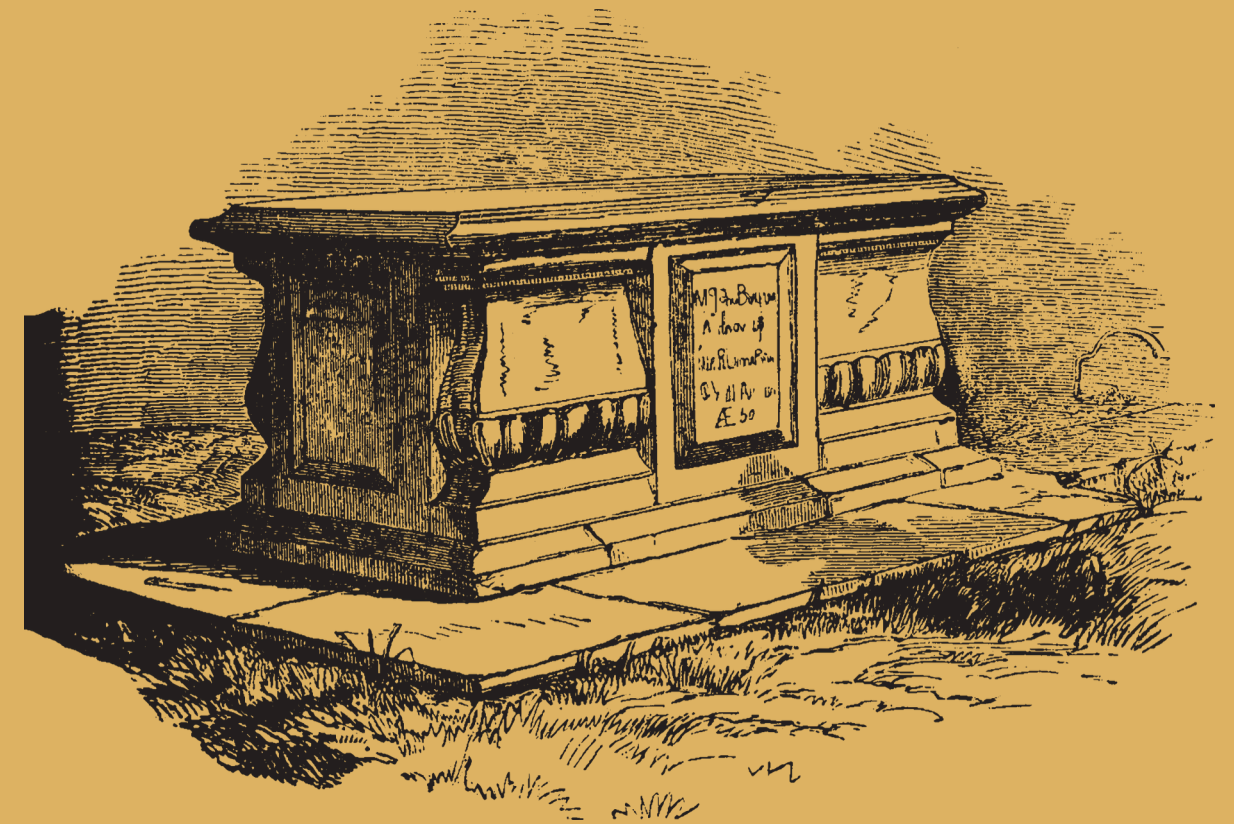
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“In the kingdom of Christ, there is no adversity, no evil, no death, no bereavement, no separation. In Jerusalem there are included all the faithful of every age, the whole family in heaven and on earth, an innumerable company of angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect . . . In this church of the Resurrection and the Life, there are no real deaths, no real separations, no real bereavements and no real losses. There are transpositions, transferences, and translations. But bereavements, strictly speaking, and in the language of faith, which is the language of the kingdom of the Word of the Lord, there are none . . . bind in your heart the church of the Resurrection and the Life. You will get nothing there to wound your heart.”

**Hugh Martin**





“On earth, we have very poor conceptions of the infinite loveliness of God . . . but then we shall be like pillars in the temple of our God, and go no more out . . . We shall know even as we are known. No more ‘in a glass,’ but in reality, we shall see God, and eternally gaze on His uncreated loveliness. Oh, what praises shall this draw from our burning hearts to all eternity! ‘This God is our God for ever and ever.’ Oh, then, brethren, is it not better to be ‘with Christ,’ that we may love and praise God more?”

**Robert Murray A'Cheyne**





“The happiness of heaven lies simply and essentially in the well-going machinery of a well-conditioned soul . . . There may be audible music in heaven, but its chief delight will be in the music of well-poised affections, and of principles in full and consenting harmony with the laws of eternal rectitude. There may be visions of loveliness there, but it will be the loveliness of virtue, as seen directly in God, and as reflected back again in family likeness from all his children – it will be this that shall give its purest and sweetest transports to the soul. In a word, the main reward of paradise is spiritual joy.”

**Thomas Chalmers**





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