

Lech. 12. 10. I will pour upon the House of David
repentance is a subject, ^{in wh^{ch}} every one suffers himself
to be sufficiently acquainted, but which is indeed very
rarely understood. The Scrip^{ts} speak of a Repⁿ unto
Salvⁿ? not to be repented of - Godly sorrow says It so
worketh Repⁿ unto Salvⁿ? not to be repented of, but
if sorrow of if O^r worketh Death - This clearly intimates
if there is a repentance, wh^{ch} is not unto Salvⁿ? Such was
Cain's. Judas's & many others recorded for our warning
& instruction - The Text therefore deserves our Dearest
Attention, since it opens unto us, of nature of evangelicall
Repⁿ - & 2^{ly} the means by wh^{ch} it is to be attained -
1. When we are to consider of nature of evangelicall Repⁿ?
The sorrow produced in of Heart of a true Penitent
is exceeding Deep - nothing can be more sharp and
piercing than if Grief of a Parent who has lost his
best born, his only son - when if poor widow mentioned by
St. Luke had lost her only son, her grief was so great of
the blessed Jes^{us} descended to administer to her the word
of consolation - for when our Lord saw her, he had bene
grieved on her, and said unto her weep not, and instantly
commanded her son to arise fr^{om} y^e dead, and returned

him to his disconsolate Parent - to grieve is the horror
of a true penitent if it is twice compared to that of
a tender Parent deprived of his only Son - In either
case of loss is bowed down greatly - This indifference
for receiving gratification for those Minutes in which
was before amused, and loves to indulge in pensive
solitude and painful solace to Reflections - The
Parents Anguish may indeed be softened by the
Assurances of surviving Friends, and many other
religious Considerations - The Parent may mitigate
his grief with the Reflection, that his beloved
Child is taken away from the evil to come, that
he is safe from every Near and far every Pain in
these happy regions where the wicked ~~are~~ come
for brooding & where if weary are at rest - He
may like the King of Israel derive consolation
from the consideration if he is not dead but sleeping, and
until the Voice of the Arch. ^l & Trumpet of G. shall
bid him awake and live - He cannot come to me
but I shall go to him said David - but is ready
to the true penitent - nothing can mitigate the
pangs of a wounded Spirit.

nothing scheme of Accusations of a guilty Conscience
till of precious Blood of Gilead, if, allowing Blood to
be applied to it, now even then till his Son ever came to
be of Grief and Mourning of the soul - The Protestant
Heckel speaking upon this subject of a sinners turning
to G. and finding mercy to him - if thou mayest remain
- and be confounded says G. and never open thy mouth
any more because of thy Shame, when I am praised before
thee for all of thou hast done saith of G. G. the very
Remembrance of a sinners past guilt, and of G.
unlimited love and mercy to him will keep
him humble and lowly in his own Eyes all the
Days of his life - He will be ready to acknowledge
from the bottom of his Heart if he is the chief of sinners,
Repentance can only be called Evangelical when it
hath immediate Respect to X. - Twice it is said in G.
that if men shall mourn for him, it is for X. -
St. John tell us if they shall look on him whom they
have pierced, quoting of very words of our text - not if of
miseries is X. - intended on of G. a proper ground
for of real penitent sorrow - but rather it is his
Grief if he has dishonoured X. by his sins

and if he has again & again crucified him afresh
by his sins - many who are not really humbled before
God for their sins, are uneasy under the reflection of
by their sins they have subjected themselves to the
Displeasure of God - It is the true penitent alone, the
man who is possessed of a broken and contrite Heart
if mourns for his as dishonouring Christ, and as
counteracting all of graces purchased by his love -

I saw one hanging on a tree in agony and blood &
we have now considered of nature of evangelical
Repentance - we shall now proceed in Second place
to consider the means by which it is to be attained -
The Holy Spirit is called a Spirit of Grace and
help in us, because he is of Another & giver of all Grace
and because it is thro his Agency alone if we are
able to pray in an acceptable manner to God -

This blessed Spirit was promised by our Lord, both as
a comforter to him and as the Comforter of the
Soul - when he is come he will comfort of & to him
if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto
you but if I depart I will send him -

After our Lord's Ascension into Heaven according to his
blessed Promise, he sent down the Holy Spirit whom his
Disciples - The writer of the Acts of the Apostles informs
us in ch. 2. Chap. of when of Day of Pentecost was fully
come, they were all in one Accord in one place, and
suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a
rushing mighty wind and filled all of House where
they were sitting, and they were all filled with Holy
Ghost and began to speak to other Tongues as if
Spirit gave them utterance; and to hear to all the dwellers
at Jerusalem the great mystery of God's love
of every tongue. At this time there were men assembled
in Jerusalem out of every nation under Heaven, and
all heard the Apostles speak the wonderful things of
God in their own native language - now when
the inhabitants and strangers at Jerusalem heard
the Apostles preach each of them in his own language when they
heard them descending from heaven fallen lost recovered
State, and how God was loved of & as to give his
only Son for its Redemption according to the voice
of Prophecy they were amazed at their own
wickedness and God's mercy & goodness -
what the Apostles preached, the great doctrines

which they enforced were applied to power and
Energy to their Hearts and consciences, they heard
they felt the word of eternal life, and were
pricked in their Hearts, and said unto Peter and
unto the rest of the Ap^l? men & Brethren what
shall we do - Here the Sp. of G. & Supⁿ was poured
out upon y^e abundantly, & they looked upon him
whom by their sins they had feared and mourned
as one of whom they were for of loss of his only Son -
when they made the important inquiry, what they
were to do to be saved - Peter immediately pointed
out to them the means of Salvation - Repent &
be baptized every one of you in the name of Jes.
X^t & ye shall receive the Holy Ghost - Here is an exceeding great &
precious Promise held out even to the murderers
of our Lord, to those very persons who a few
weeks before cried away to him, away to him
crucify him, crucify him - This was an happy
glorious Period, a Period when the S^c caused the
showers of his Grace to be poured down upon
the most guilty the most unworthy
The minds of the inhabitants were now prepared for
receiving the word of salvⁿ by the powerful

Operations of of divine Spirit; as of thirsty ground for
drinking as of hair that babbled upon it - we are
told they if gladly received it word, were baptized
and if same day there were added unto y^e about 3000
souls. 3000 believed in Jes. X^t by faith in his blood and
righteousness received of Knowledge of S^c by of
Remission of their sins - Such a Pentecost had never
been known before in Jerusalem - The S^ces & shadows
were now fled and gone, and the Antichrist had
appeared - Such wonderful Effects were produced
by the preaching of of Gospel. Jes. is of same y^e to d. &
for ever - He still lives as the Head of the Church people
of all Power both in Heaven & on Earth - It is by the
same Spirit he has continued to of present day to
convince men of sin - to convince y^e to make the
inquiry what they must do to be saved - This Spirit
X^t will pour out upon y^e - He not only has a right to
send of Holy S^c as being equal to of Father, but in his
mediatorial Capacity he is authorized & empowered to
send forth his Holy Sp^t having received of of Father of
Promise of of Holy Ghost or promise if he may
impart unto us out of his own immeasurable
fulness - To him all must look for this blessing
for him both of exalted to his own right hand to be a
Prince & a Saviour, for to give Repentance unto Israel
to forgiveness of sins

All may look to the Appearance of obtaining this Kingdom
of Repentance, provided they truly & earnestly desire it.
but alas men will not come to X^p if they may have life.
Ask & ye shall have it - The great & learned of House
of David, & of the inhabitants of Jerusalem must submit
themselves to his influence - The Rich & the poor may
come and welcome to Jes. X^p! The guilty and unclean
may freely wash in this Fountain - God is no
Respecter of Persons - none are excluded but those who
exclude themselves from his mercy by their impendence
& unbelief - we cannot know our real situation, we
cannot believe that we are so poor & miserable &
blind & naked till of X^p convince us of his, and
we feel how we have ruined ourselves by our iniquities.
The Spirit not only turns our Eyes inward to
show us our fallen state by nature, but also
turns them to a crucified X^p. The Jews & Romans
were the immediate Agents in the Crucifixion of Christ,
but we also nailed him to it of accursed Jews, as his
being of true & meritorious Cause of his Agonies &
Death - To view of X^p in this light is of
Privilege of those only whose Hearts of Spirit was
opened & to whom he has given a spiritual
Discernment, nor can any thing subdue

The Subtleties of the human Heart but a view
of X^p crucifying for us - This & this alone is a powerful
Tendency to produce in us ingenuous sorrow, &
real evangelical Repentance because while it
shows us of malignity of his in its most awful
Colours, it discovers to us also the kindly ground
for the Expectation of his. In the one ^{humbled} view we are
brought to a sense of our own extreme Vileness in another
we are overwelmed in a sense of the Redeemers
Love - I saw one hanging on a tree &

Having now considered the means by which evangelical
Repentance is produced in us, viz. the pouring out upon
us a S^p. of G^d. & his. & the light of a crucified X^p. dying
for us we will now improve the subject - 1. for Conver-
tion - All will readily acknowledge if they need Rep. & propo-
sit intention of performing that Duty at some Period. but
those who dare to ^{cross} protract their Repentance like vipers
to a more convenient Season, are ignorant of the necessity
of Repentance - Let not any imagine if of slight Acknowledg-
ments, & faint Professions of Amendment w^h are usually
made on a sick & dying Bed are sufficient - If the
Comparison in of Text be just, nothing will suffice
but a broken & contrite Heart under a sense of his -
The sacrifices of G^d. are a broken H^t - A bare Resolution of
a Amendment will not do - There must be a real
turning from sin to Holiness, & from Satan to G^d. want this

all Professions of Repentance are vain - When have
you repented? have you mourned for your sins against
G^d? as one of mourneth for an only son? have you
by death looked upon ~~yes~~ whom by your sins you have
pierced, and has a light of his sufferings shined
in you that deep humility, of self loathing - In what
manner do you spend your time - If you live
and any ~~know~~ know for you have not repented
it, if repentance is ^{it} is unto salvation; whatever your
pretensions may be - Repentance is a real change
of mind - a real renovation of heart - Let me
exhort you then to examine yourselves this day -
weigh your selves in the balance of the sanctuary -
compare your lives & conduct to of written word
of God - then you may form some true knowledge
of your state before him - Death is near; time is
short - The Judge is at the door - The grave is opening
every day for you equals and your younger - you know
not what a day may bring forth - attend to our ^{last}
forceful Exhortation - be ye therefore ready, for at
such an hour as ye think not of if sin & sorrow
cometh - He cometh like a thief in the night
when men are asleep and secure - Behold the
Bridegroom cometh is a awful midnight cry

to them who have no oil in their lamps. They have
then no time to procure any, no time to repent and
prepare for Heaven - The door is shut - The door of mercy
is for ever shut - nothing will then remain for you
but lamentation & mourning & weeping - Surely this
consideration ought to have its due weight upon
your minds, in it your everlasting all depends -
be intreated then now to kiss the hem, lest he
be angry, and ye perish for ever, when his wrath
is kindled but a little blessed are all they that
put their trust in him -

Lastly let those who have repented with godly sorrow
look more and more to Jes^{us} - you may be in Heaven
thru manifold temptations, and have just and
frequent cause to complain of hardness of heart
and to groan beneath the weight of unbelief -
but turn your Eyes to Calvary, behold a dying
Saviour - a light of his Cross and Passion will
destroy the power of sin and melt the stubborn
heart - This will cure every complaint, every
disease of your soul - Godly sorrow is sweet -
The humble heart is the bright of
Happiness - Labor therefore to lay aside every

weight and the sin if does so easily beset you
and run it patience the Race set before you looking
unto Jesus the Author & Finisher of our Faith, who
for the joy, it was set before him endured the
Cross despising the Shame, and is set down on
the right Hand of the Throne of God -