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above all



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Colossians 2:16-17

16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Colossians 2:18-19

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- Colossians 2:16; 2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Revelation 22:18; Jude 1:3; Colossians 1:12; 2:9-10.

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- Matthew 23:5, 7; 6:2-5; 15:1-9.

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- 1 Timothy 2:5; Revelation 19:10; 22:9; 1 Corinthians 13:1; John 3:22.

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- 1 Corinthians 4:6; Jeremiah 23:25-29.

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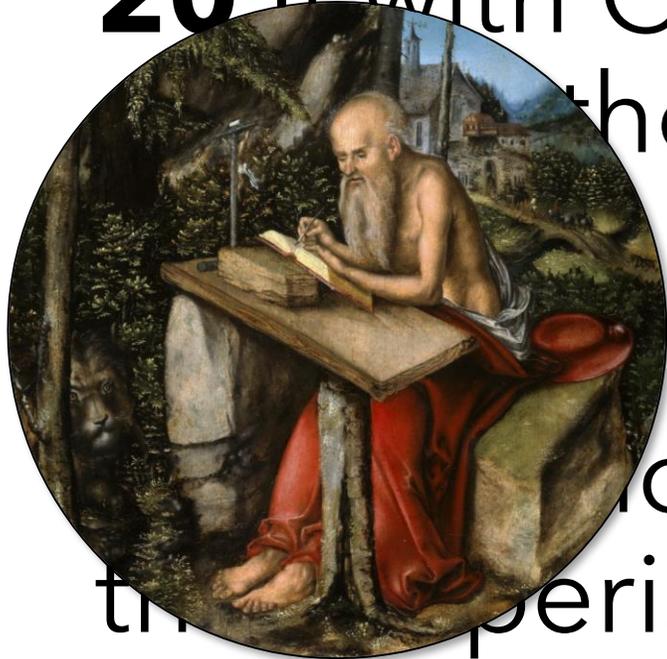
- Colossians 1:18; 2:10; Hebrews 12:2; 2 Peter 1:3; 2 Peter 3:18.

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- Colossians 2:8; 11-12, 14.

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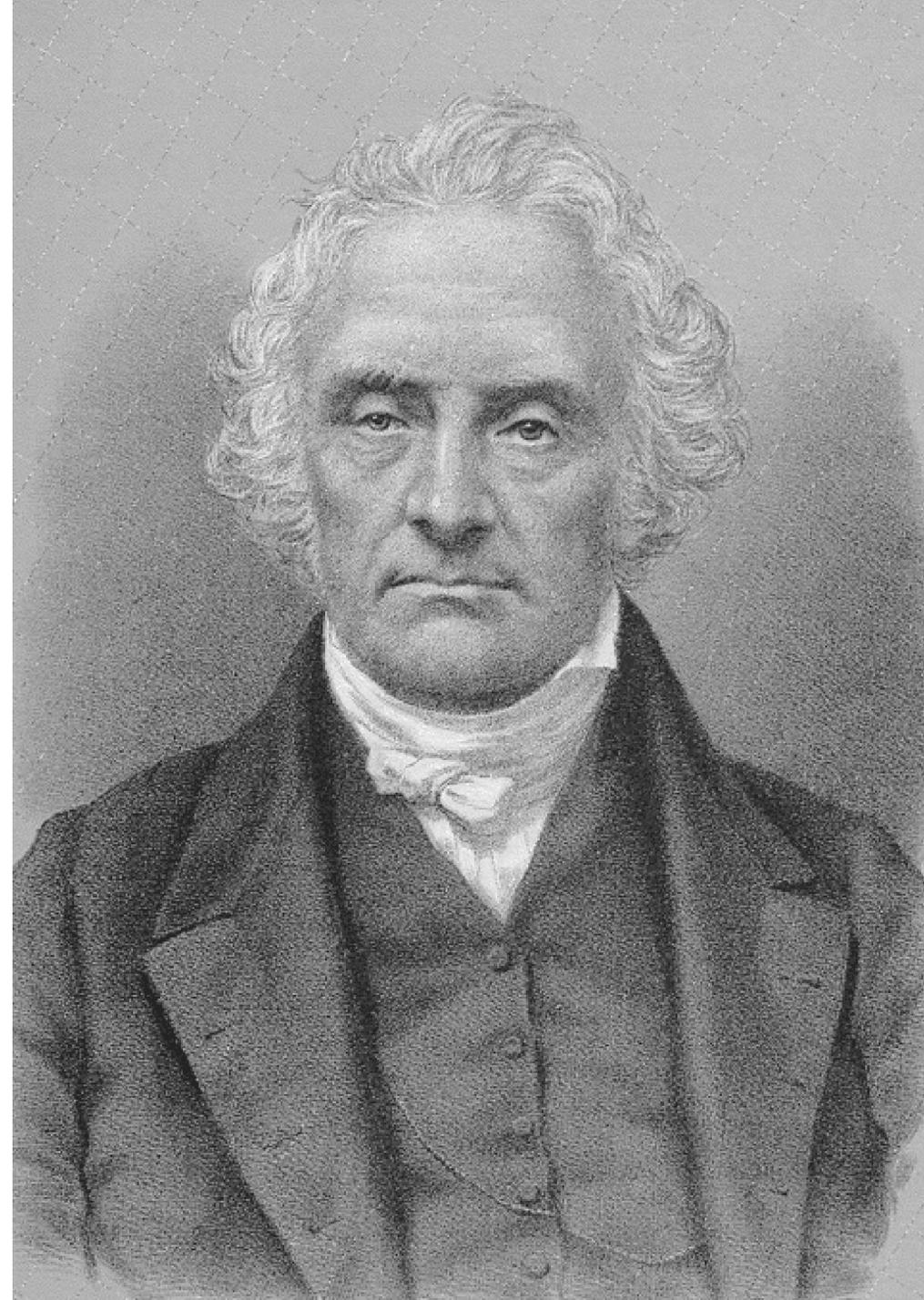
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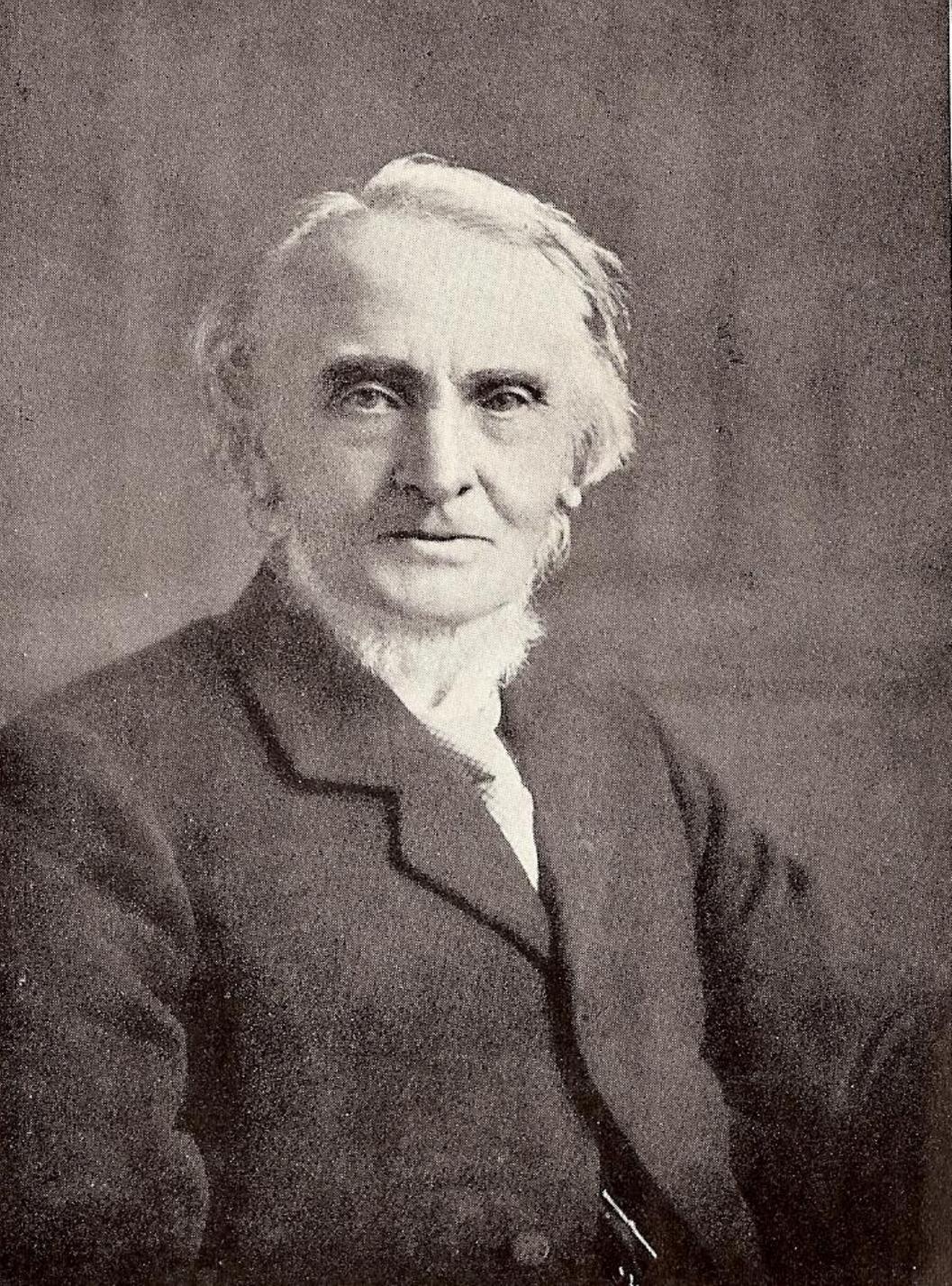
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- Luke 5:29-39; John 8:29; Hebrews 7:36; John 17:15-16.

“Nothing and no one can dispossess the heart of an old sinful affection – except the expulsive power of a new one; and if that new affection be the love of God, nothing can make the heart entertain it’s old affections ever again, unless it neglects the love of God.”

- Thomas Chalmers





“There is only one thing that can put the collar on the neck of the animal within us, and that is the power of the indwelling Christ.”

- Alexander Maclaren



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