

father-heart. It is enough. God provides the lamb and Abraham goes away glorified.

Have you gone to the end of natural affection? Have you given over your fondnesses and your affinities to Christ? Your filial heart, your mother heart, your father heart and your lover's heart, have you given this over to the King? Jesus meant just what he uttered when he said, "If any man cometh unto me and hateth not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he can not be my disciple." Notice that he says that we are to hate our own lives. We are not to hate them more than we hate others or others more than them. It is the self-life wherever we find it. Deadly opposition to this everywhere will prepare us for the immediate receiving of the Christ-life with which we are called to lovingly drive the self-life out of our fellows. We see now the possible righteousness in that strange saying reported of Mrs. Spurgeon, the mother of the great Charles, "I seek to bring you up to live a life all for the glory of God. If you grow up and dare to run into sin and die unsaved I will go to the judgment and witness against you."

Then we may lose the power of appreciation of our friends? Never. We shall love them as we never did before. We shall sacrifice our own tastes and comforts for them with a delightful