

words that caught her eye were those before us, "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." Each may put what explanation he pleases on this remarkable circumstance; I have simply related the facts. I would only add, further, that the Bible had not been opened at that particular place for months before. To my own mind there is no difficulty in the matter. While I would shrink from using the Word of God as a lottery, yet I have faith to believe that he who numbers the hairs of our heads, and hears the faintest cry of a distressed soul, can and does, in answer to prayer, direct our minds to a particular passage or word as indicating to us his mind. And this he will do in his own way. On the occasion referred to, God's special guidance was too evident to be doubted. The impression produced was unusually deep and solemn. All felt that while they could not call their loved one back again, and would not if they could, yet they could go where she was, nor would the journey be long. Soon all will be home.

In II Kings, ch. IV, we have the death of another child recorded. When the son of the pious Shunammite suddenly died, she hastened to meet the prophet Elisha. On her near approach the prophet sent his servant Gehazi to meet her and to ask, "Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child?" And she answered, "*It is well.*" But how could she so answer respecting her dead child, if that child had no future and happy existence? Any doubt as to her child's happiness would have prevented this answer. But good reason had she for speaking as she did if her child was then in heaven. O, weeping Rachels, sorrowing because your "little ones" are not, learn the lesson which this good mother in Israel teaches you. It is well with your child. Jesus has taken it out of your bosom, and laid it in his own; stripped it of those garments you provided, and clothed it in white robes, washed in the blood of the Lamb. Walking in the light of the Saviour's countenance, or folded in the Saviour's loving arms, is it not well with your child? If Hannah willingly gave up Samuel to serve in the tabernacle with Eli, surely you should cheerfully resign your darling to serve the Saviour, and to be the companion of angels in the temple not made with hands. Desire rather to go where your child is than to bring your child back again.

7. *Children seem to be included in the vision of John, (Rev. VII. 9.) "I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb."*

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