

This memorial was to be set up at Gilgal.

The power of resurrection life takes all strength from Satan. "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." In our earthly life, the flesh being in us, we are exposed to the power of the enemy, though Christ's grace is sufficient for us. His strength made perfect in our weakness. But the creature has no strength against Satan, even though it should not be drawn away into actual sin. But if death has become our shelter, causing us to die to all that would give Satan an advantage over us, what can he do. Can he tempt one who is dead? or overcome one who having died, is alive again? But if this is true, it is also necessary to realize it practically. "Ye are dead, . . . therefore mortify." (Col. iii.) This is what Gilgal means. Nay, we are always to bear about in our body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus, may be manifested in our body. Colossians iii. is God's declaration of our position. Romans vi. exhortation to take it up in faith. 2 Corinthians iv. carrying it out in practice in the inner man. (Coloss. iii. 5-17). The matter in hand is not yet the taking the cities, the realization of God's magnificent promises. *Self must first of all be mortified.* Before conquering **Midian**, Gideon must cast down the altar in his own house.

Remark further, the wilderness is not the place where circumcision is carried out, even though we may have been faithful there. The wilderness

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