

spiritual life without a spiritual birth. 'That which is flesh is flesh, and that which is spirit is spirit;' each created and subsisting by agencies and laws peculiarly its own. But the crowning interest in my study of the passage was reached when I found that this radical change was to be divinely attested; that it might be as clearly known and felt as Nicodemus felt the passing breeze, the Holy Ghost bearing witness with our spirit that, though once enemies of God and children of wrath, now we are children of God, 'born by a new celestial birth,' and 'heirs of immortality.' If I would enjoy this inestimable blessing, I saw that I must not be ashamed of Christ, but must come out of darkness into the light, and look to him alone for the recreating power. Several hours of the night passed away in these solemn meditations; and I finally retired, but more to think and weep and pray than to sleep. From that time to this I have not ceased to read and study the Bible on my knees, while looking to God with the prayer of the psalmist, 'Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.'

"This nightly interview with Jesus, and almost vision of divine things, gave a pleasing check to my sceptical tendencies. The Sabbath