

high. Let us walk in the full light of the Sun of righteousness and then our graces will grow. Let us not be like trees on a north wall, weak and unfruitful and cold. Let us rather strive to be like the sun-flower, and follow the great fountain of light wherever He goes, and see Him with open face. Oh ! for an eye more quick to discern His leadings ! Oh ! for an ear more ready to hear His voice !

Let us say to everything in the world that interferes between ourselves and Jesus, "stand aside ;" and let us dread *allowing* ourselves in the least evil habits, lest insensibly they rise up like a mist and hide Him from our eyes. In His light alone shall we see light and feel warmth, and separate from Him we shall find the world a dark and cold wilderness. We should call to mind the request of the Athenian philosopher when the mightiest monarch on earth asked him what he desired most : "I have," said he, "but one request to make, and that is that you would stand from between me and the sun." Let this be the spirit in which you and I are found continually. Let us think lightly of the world's gifts. Let us sit calmly under its cares. Let us care for nothing, if we may only ever see the King's face, if we may only ever abide in Christ.

And now reader, with every kind and Christian wish for your soul's happiness, I commend you to the only wise God, our Saviour. He is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. (Jude 24.) I ask to be always remembered in your prayers, and remain,

Your affectionate friend,

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