

far as we know, Enoch was the only man of his age who was conscious of the existence of angels. May he not have been so Godlike as to have had this consciousness without any special revelation?

Esau's immediate ancestors were scarcely less remarkable for their piety than those who were more remote; both his grandfather and his father being noted for their unwavering faith, their unquestioning obedience, and their cheerful submission to the Divine will. To Abraham appertains the high honor of being called the friend of God—an honor which is unique in the history of the Old Testament saints. Though Abraham and Isaac were altogether dissimilar in their mental characteristics, they were severally endowed with qualities which fitted each for his peculiar duties. Abraham was energetic, resolute, decided, magnanimous. Isaac was meek, gentle, forbearing, enduring, not resisting evil, but overcoming evil with good. To Abraham it was easier to do than to suffer; to Isaac it was easier to suffer than to do. Abraham so loved adventure that it was not a very heavy trial to leave his country and many of his kindred to go he knew not whither, to sojourn he knew not where. To Isaac it was a privilege to be under parental protection, and subject to parental control; and he so loved peace that for its sake he would even give up the valued possession of a well of living water. But diverse though