

sins and weakness before God, and wait patiently, prayerfully, and in faith at His Throne, and while they are thus engaged the Spirit will descend upon them, and henceforth their life will be one of power. Their self will be subdued, sin expelled, and every unlawful propensity conquered.

Believer, do you not long for this power? Turn before the Throne, "and ye shall be endued with power from on high not many days hence."

### THE HIGHER CHRISTIAN LIFE.

The Christian life is higher—higher than the worldling's; but there is a higher life than many Christians have attained to in this age. The attention of the Churches has of late been called to this matter, and with very blessed results. The quickened life, the purity and earnestness of thousands, testify that if we only live in fellowship with God, abide in Christ, we shall bring forth much fruit. What is generally meant by the Higher Christian Life is *full consecration* to the service of God, or *holiness to the Lord*. We read such commands as, "Be ye holy, for I am holy," or such prayers as, "The very God of Peace sanctify you wholly," or such declarations as "It is the will of God even your sanctification." But we seldom pause to inquire into the import, or perhaps we have our theological systems or early teaching, which are in direct opposition to the mind of the Spirit. Now let us divest our minds of all prejudice and sit down to the study of God's blessed word; and inquire, first, Does the Lord require holiness? Second, Has He made provision in the new covenant whereby His people may be made holy? Third, Have any of His people attained to holiness? Fourth, Is there anything in our nature that the grace of God *cannot* overcome, or circumstances connected with us which preclude the possibility of our being made holy? Fifth, If we cannot attain holiness in this life, when shall we? I have searched the Scriptures on these anxious questions, and I am bound to say fearlessly that they give no licence to sin, but condemn it on every page, and con-sign to death and destruction every soul of man that doeth evil; while they encourage the vilest to come to Christ for salvation, free, full, and present, because He is able to save to the *utmost* all that come unto God by Him. It is the privilege, it is the duty, of the redeemed to be holy here. "Faithful is He that hath promised, who also will do it." Sanctification, as well as justification, is by faith, and is therefore instantaneous.

### A WORD TO THE UNSAVED.

Ponder the import of that word unsaved. You have not life eternal, but you abide in death. You are unreconciled to God. You are out of Christ, the only ark of safety. You are rushing down the broad road to destruction, and soon the grave will close over your body, but where will your precious soul be found? Where will you spend eternity? How will you face the judgment, and meet that God whom you neglect, despise, blaspheme? Can you afford to be shut out of that world of light, and love, and joy? Perhaps you have revered parents there, or loved children, will you be separated from them *for ever*? Oh think of that word *for ever*. Can you endure the thought of eternal

banishment from glory and from God; and eternal death, blackness of darkness, blank despair, where hope never comes? Oh! accept salvation now, it is within your grasp—this hour; God requires no hard conditions, only believe or trust in the Son of His love as *your* Saviour. Millions have done so, who now rejoice in the liberty of the sons of God. Millions have come to the Saviour, and He is willing and able, too, to save millions more. He delighteth in mercy. He will save you, trust Him this moment, there is nothing more required, you need not wait to repent, coming to Him is repentance. You need not wait to feel, you will feel when you come, not before. You need not wait to make yourself better; it is sinners He came to save, not the righteous. If you could make yourself better, Christ died in vain. "Come guilty, come needy, come wretched, come here; you can't come to guilty, come just as you are." This year you may die, oh, come and be reconciled to God. You maintain the strife, you refuse to be saved. I solemnly warn you in the name of the Lord. Stop this hour, and take the life everlasting He gives:

There is life for a look at the crucified One,  
There is life at this moment for thee;  
Then look, sinner, look, unto Him and be saved,  
Unto Him who was nailed to the tree.

### OBITUARY.

On the evening of November the 10th, 1875, Mrs. Geo. Cook, New Gower-street, fell asleep in Jesus. She was upwards of three years a member of the Congregational Church in this city. She had a tender conscience, and feared God for many years; but she had not the liberty of a child of God until a few months before her death. She spoke freely to her pastor of her doubts and darkness. The way of peace was pointed out, and her heart trusted in the gracious Saviour and found rest. She committed her large family to the keeping of her faithful and unchanging God. Though she was brought up in the communion of another denomination of Christians, I have met few in her station of life who had a more intelligent view of Congregational principles, and her only text-book was the New Testament. She manifested the deepest anxiety for the salvation of her husband and children, and many and earnest were her prayers to God for this blessing. May they be answered to His glory!

Miss Mary Langmead was one of our dear Sabbath-school girls. She was only fifteen years old when the Tender Shepherd took her into His loving arms and carried her to the fold above—17th November, 1875. She loved the Lord Jesus years ago, but her long and severe sickness gave her time to renew her first love. She clung very fondly to loved parents, but the gentle Saviour broke every tie that bound her to earth, and before the hour of final parting came all was freely and heartily left behind. "Do not weep for me," she said, "I am going to be with Jesus." She had a great desire to live and be a Sabbath-school teacher, or do some work in the world for Jesus. We tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved. May all the Sabbath-school children truly love and faithfully serve the precious Saviour!

Youth is the time to serve the Lord.  
The time to secure the great reward.