

you fearful about the life that lies before you? You have nothing to do with that; it is in the safe hands of Jesus. All you have to do is this—Are you willing to trust Him for this present moment? Then trust Him; *live* on Him; spend this moment with Jesus. Do not think about the long days which may or may not be before you; they are not yours yet. Take this one day. Will you not for this one day, or what yet remains of it, look straight to Christ throughout it? Give your unbelief, your expectations, to Him. *Leave* them, and occupy yourself with Himself.

You need not be always analyzing your life, and ferreting within. Having put yourself into God's hands, leave yourself there; and as it rises, bring all to Him—your ambition, your desires, your ideas, your hopes, your fears. They do not need to be crushed out of you, but to be brought to Christ, that He may sanctify them, and put them in their right channel; that is, show you how to use them for his service. Just live in the sunshine and pleasure of his presence. You know how searching the bright sun-rays are; so will the Sun of Righteousness and love search in your heart, and under his beams it will grow tender—a "heart of flesh, and not of stone;" quick to see, quick to obey.

When we walk into this world's sunlight, we need to look at the way and at our feet to see that they go right, and keep from stumbling; but with the Sun of Righteousness we just need to look at Him; and so looking, *He* will take care that we neither stumble nor fall. "Mine eyes are ever *toward the Lord*; for *He* it is that shall pluck my *feet* out of the net."

You do not know what a life is before you. Do not be afraid if you get a sudden glimpse at your own utter vileness and sinfulness. Carry it to the Lord Jesus; He knows it better than you do; and leave it with him, just as you leave your unbelief with Him; and looking *only, only* to Him, you will receive your life moment by moment from Him, and live it moment by moment with Him. He who is Love will lead you gently on over any rough, stony places that may be before you—gently, because *close* to Him—"I in you, and ye in Me;" and the Holy Spirit *will* show you many things, "as you are

able to bear them;" and surely, yielded up and obediently following, his "fruits—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance," *will* appear in us, to glorify God, and bear testimony to Jesus.

Let it be thus. Let us *take* the good gift of faith. You know it says, "*Taking* the shield of faith."

### DEALING WITH ANXIOUS SOULS.

AFTER one of my gospel addresses in the Temperance Hall, there was a very blessed breathing of the Spirit; and feeling quite sure that some souls must have been convinced of sin, I especially asked such to remain behind, but only one woman responded to the call.

This struck me as being somewhat strange, as the breathing of the Spirit had been very marked indeed; but just as I was leaving the hall, I saw two men standing outside in the rain. They came up to me, and said they wanted to speak to me about their souls. We went back to the room at once, and I then found that they were both deeply convinced of sin. I asked the first—

"How long have you been under these convictions?"

"About three months, sir."

"Now what do you think would make you happy?"

"If I could only *feel* that the Lord had pardoned my sins," he said. He wanted to be healed before he had gone to the Physician.

"Well, now," I said, "listen to these words of our blessed Lord" (which I repeated very slowly to him). "'As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John iii. 14, 15). Do you see?"

"No, sir."

"Well, then, look here," I said. "These Israelites had sinned against the Lord, and he had sent fiery serpents among them to bite them, and many of the people had died in consequence. Then the Lord commanded Moses to make a serpent of brass, and to set it upon a pole; and He said that it should come to pass that, if anyone who was