

pattern of *manhood* after whose image Adam was made. He had two hands of course, with five fingers each; two feet divided likewise into five extremities; two eyes, and an ear on each side of the head, and not wanting in *nostrils* that he might breath the breath of life. And who can resist the overwhelming conclusion thus astutely arrived at, that man has no spirit that can be conscious after the nostrils become defunct? Now seriously, is it not discouraging to reflect that any bible reader could be thus lassoed in his march to eternity by such a loathsome conception of eternal things? At the very hour when this doctrine was the battle-cry between the Pharisee and Sadducee, Paul took sides with the former, saying, "Men and brethren I am a Pharisee," who all believed in both angels and separate state of human spirits. It was for preaching those very truths which the Sadducee denied that he was "called in question." Nor was Paul alone in this matter—the Saviour silenced those materialists at this very point by proving a resurrection from the fact that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are still alive spiritually, though dead physically; and so completely successful was this argument that another was not needed to disperse the discomfited assailants from his presence. I would solicit the profound attention of the fact just stated, viz: *That the only argument Jesus Christ employed to crush the Sadduceean error was the separate living state of the spirits of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.* What is to be proved? The resurrection. "Now that the dead are raised up" &c. What is the proof? The proof is that "God is their God." What! says the Sadducee, is God the God of those three dead men? those nonentities? three nothings? No, says Jesus: there's your blunder. Those men are all alive as respects the inner man, and *therefore* God is their God and therefore they shall be raised again. Now if they still "live unto God" spiritually "whether they live or die" bodily, they are certainly the Lord's. The weeping friends of a dying christian once said to him; Brother, you will soon be in the land of the dead. 'No, brethren;' said he, 'Just the reverse; I'll soon be in the land of the *living*, and so much better is that life than this that even though it be Christ to live here it is more than that to die, for to die is gain' and then repeated—

"Beyond this vale of tears,  
There is a life above,  
Unmeasured by the flight of years  
And all that life is love."

God could not be the God of a nonentity. If ever there was a time