

REST IN GOD.

Christian rest may be maintained amidst trials and suffering. Here it distinguishes itself from anything which the world calls by its name. Worldly persons have their enjoyments; but they are dependent on worldly things, and when these are broken or removed, the tranquillity ceases. It is the glory of true religion, that it can be firm and serene amidst storms of change. In days of prosperity, when all things smile, it is easy to maintain quiet of soul; but when skies grow dark, when friends are few, when health fails, when losses and bereavements and old age come on, and misfortunes thicken every hour,—to be tranquil then—to feel that all is safe—that the real portion has not been touched—that God is still the same, and that he is ours; this is what cannot be comprehended by the man of the world, or by the formal professor. And yet it is true, and is exemplified in a thousand cases of distress and consolation. Were it not so, such songs as the forty-sixth psalm had long been blotted out of the psalter, as containing idle falsehood: whereas, generation after generation in the Church for nearly three thousand years has been singing with experience and triumph: “Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea: though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.” If you would see the true victory over the world, visit the experienced Christian amidst his trials. At the first he may indeed be shaken for a little season, in order that he may the better feel the solid foundation under his feet: but at length he finds his footing on the Rock of Ages, and can cry: “Lo! this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

. . . . Many persons are sufficiently persuaded of the world's unsatisfactoriness, but have taken no steps towards the supply of their great want. You, let me say, are the very persons to whom religion ought to be welcome. It is the very repose you need. In vain do you weary yourselves, to procure rest by any other means. It is not in the creature. You were made to repose in God. You deny your souls their chief blessing, while you remain alienated from him. And how strange is the illusion which prompts your delay! Your procrastination is a putting off of the happiness which you might be beginning to enjoy, and which would be always the greater during your whole existence, for your having begun now. Are there not moments when you are almost disgusted with life? when your pleasures have no longer any zest? when com-

punction more than neutralizes your joys? when, in a word, you feel your need of God? Though there is nothing necessarily holy in these sentiments, they bring you nearer the borders of a religious life; they should be seized on, as so many promptings to fulfil your grand obligation. Do you ask me what I would have you to do? The answer is easy, and it is momentous. Return to your rest. Return, return! O wanderer, you are in the wrong path. Every step takes you further away. Never can you supply these cravings, or quell these perturbations, but by coming to Him, who is the Infinite Portion and the Everlasting Rest.—*J. W. Alexander.*

BE TRUE.

Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth would'st teach
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul would'st reach:
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.

—*Bonars Hymns of Faith and Hope. Second Series. R. Carter & Bros., New York.*

“BLIND BARTIMEUS.”

In the present issue we publish on page 329, and extract from “Blind Bartimeus,” entitled “Jesus of Nazareth Passeth by.” This book we are now in the course of publishing, and if it should meet with the success in this country that it has had in Great Britain and America, we will have reason to be grateful, not only on our own account, but on account of the work of the Lord. The truth of scripture is presented in a clear and forcible manner.

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OR, RIGHT, STRUGGLING AND TRIUMPHANT.

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