

they were many, not because I felt it, but because Jesus told me they were ; and I know that they are all forgiven, not because I feel it, but because Jesus says so."

And now, dear, anxious, troubled soul, you have had your finger long enough on the two words "are many," but look at the two following words, "are forgiven," and at once believingly and adoringly "move your finger."

Ah, foolish man ! why dost thou still flatter thyself with the expectation of a long life, when thou canst not be secure of a single day ? How many unhappy souls, deluded by this hope, are in some unexpected moment separated from the body ! How often dost thou hear that one is slain, another is drowned, another has dropped down dead in the exercise of some favorite diversion ; and that thousands, indeed, are daily perishing by fire, by sword, by disease, or by the violence of robbers ! Thus is death common to every age, and man suddenly passeth away as a vision of the night.

Who will remember thee after death ? Who will then pray for thee, and whose prayer can then avail thee ? Turn now to God, for thou knowest not the hour in which death will seize thee, nor canst thou conceive the consequences of his seizing thee unprepared. Now, while the time of gathering riches is in much mercy continued, lay up for thyself the substantial and unperishing treasures of heaven. Think of nothing but the business of thy redemption ; be careful for nothing but it.

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