

Heaven a Place of Rest.

"There shall be no night there."

Is it not worthy of notice that there shall be no night in heaven ; but how is this to be ? Why the Lord God is the light thereof, and they need no candle, neither the light of the sun. I would ask, Why is it so many walk in darkness, when God has promised to give us the light of life ? Now it we have this light, in us we have a little heaven below, for God is the light, and in Him is no darkness at all. The true Christian lives to God alone, and to him alone he dies ; so then whether living or dying we are the Lord's ; one family, one household, only divided in our homes. We sometimes have part of the family present, and part absent, but still is the family not one, though not all present in one place.

One family we dwell in Him
One Church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream
The narrow stream of death.

Then, if God is the light of heaven to His saved ones, why not the light of earth to His faithful followers. The natural sun does not give light to the mind, neither does it give light to the soul. A man in trouble for his sins may see as much sunlight as may dazzle his eyes, but what of that to a dark benighted mind, if God do not pour eyesight into his spiritual vision. He may see men as trees walking, but if he cannot see the Sun of Righteousness, it profiteth him nothing, for still he languisheth for the light of God. Is the light of heaven and earth then one ? God made the sun to give light by day and the moon by night, and he divided the day and the night ; now is the light of the moon as the light of the sun. You will observe that the moon was called the lesser light, but because it was, did that say it was not God's handiwork ? Now the Christians upon earth have a little less of God than when in His more immediate presence ; but is that any reason why the light is not pure and unsullied ? The light God gives us is first pure and then unsullied ; it gives us to feel warmth and love and peace ; and God's love is a satisfying portion

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The inward experience of religion cannot be separated from the practice of goodness.

If Christ is in us, he avails for us ; but if not, not.

One sin purposely indulged, and habitually practised, a sure sign that we are unconverted and unsaved.