

that way, neither does the judgment of God light on them, as on the unbelieving spies who brought up an evil report of the land. They do not belong to such generations, though their way may savour of such. Moses cannot lose sight of them because they propose to feed their cattle in the plains of Gilead, while they thus with zeal assert their proposed fellowship with their brethren. They are his, and he is theirs still, I may say ; and they hold on together, unlike Lot and Abraham, who never met after Lot became a citizen of the world ; practically forgetful so far, of the calling of God.

This is so ; but still Moses has to eye them and remember them, and keep his thoughts somewhat anxiously and uneasily occupied about them. And this is not the best witness for a saint. Happy when the Holy Ghost can have us and our state also, to lead us still onward, and feed us still in the knowledge and with the things of Jesus.

Lot and Abraham never met after the way of the world had drawn Lot into it Jonathan and David, now and again, and in their affections there is communion between them true and warm. Obadiah and Elijah met only once, and it is but a poor meeting ; "*Reserve*" marking the way of Elijah ; and "*Effort*" that of Obadiah ; for they were not kindred spirits. The leathern girdle of the prophet but ill-assorting with the livery of Ahab ; but the Two Tribes and a Half are above these. They are still the companions of their brethren, and will not think of anything else ; and