

remarkable. He says that our commonwealth is where Christ is. If we turn to the Epistle to the Philippians 3rd chapter, 20th verse, we find the apostle stating—as it is in the old version—“our *conversation* is in heaven.” Now that word means more than that; it is our *commonwealth*, our state is in heaven. We are to live there; that is, we do not live there as regards the body. We do not live there as regards things temporal, but the apostle, in his epistle to the Ephesians, tells us that this is our commonwealth, that place where Christ is, and from which we expect our Lord to issue; we are to live there. And I would say, how much more nobly would we walk and live if we realized more the pilgrim character of those that are expecting the coming Christ. The sandals then would always be upon our feet, and the staff would ever be in our hands, and our faces would be towards the city of the great King. We would use the things of this world as not abusing them. We would fill the time of our sojourn with happy, joyous service, seeking to improve each moment that we might advance the glory of our blessed God.

Another point that I would draw your attention to, is a very remarkable one concerning this subject. That just in proportion as we expect our Lord's coming, and look for that coming, do we grow in divine life. In the 3rd chapter of the 2nd epistle to the Corinthians, 18th verse, the Apostle says, “We all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord.” Now I gather that however difficult this passage may be, and however many interpretations may have been given as to its proper meaning, that it simply