

Joshua mistaking in his judgment, thinking they did wrong, occasioned a practical mistake, requesting Moses to stop them, &c., which was not granted. Observe, one sin shut Moses out of Canaan, of course one sin must have shut Joshua out. But as God said, Joshua wholly followed him, and *wholly* not being *partly*, and as he entered Canaan from that circumstance, I argue that a mistake following from love is not imputed as a sin. Again, as we are informed that Christ was tempted in all respects like as we are, Heb. iv, 15, yet without sin, and *can be touched* with the *feeling* of our *infirmities*, &c. Again, as we are commanded, James i, 2, to count it all joy when we fall' (not give way) into divers temptations. And if the devil, or wicked men tempt me, and I reject and repel the temptation with all my heart, how can it be said that I sin? Am I to blame for the devil's conduct? I can no more prevent my thoughts than I can prevent the birds from flying over my head; but I can prevent them from making nests in my hair.

Some people expect purgatory to deliver them from sin; but this world, methinks, make discord in heaven. Others think that death will do it. If death will deliver *one* from the last of sin, why not *two*, why not all the world by the same rule? So Universalism will be true, and death have the praise, and Jesus Christ be out the question? But death is not called a *friend*, but is styled an *enemy*, and it does not *change* the disposition of the mind. All that death does is to separate the *soul* from the *body*; therefore, as we must get rid of the last of sin, either here or hereafter, and as but few in America allow of purgatory, I suppose it must be here. If so, then it is before the soul leaves the body, consequently it is in *time*, of course *before* death. Now the query arises, how long first? Why, says one, perhaps a minute before the soul leaves the body. Well, if a minute before, why not two minutes, or an hour: yea, a day, a week, a month, or a year, or even ten years before death—or even now? Is there not power sufficient with God, or efficacy enough in the blood of Christ? Certainly the scripture saith, all things are now ready; now is the accepted time, and behold now (not to-morrow) is the day of salvation. To-day if you will hear his voice. Remember now thy Creator in the days, &c. And there being no encouragement in the Bible for to-morrow, now is God's time, ~~and~~ and you cannot, &c. Observe examples: "By faith Enoch walked with God (not with sin) three hundred years, and had the testimony that he pleased God," Gen. v, 22, Heb. xi, 5; and Caleb and Joshua wholly (not partly) followed the Lord, Num.

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