

our meals, when we go about our business, and in all our intercourse, from morning till night.—M.

EVER THE SAME.

Dear friends, let us ever remember that Christ, though now in His glory, is in all things precisely the same as He was when on earth—present with us at all times to render us the same services. We are one with Him, and He with us; no distinction, no separation, as it respects His sympathy in all that concerns us; “In all our afflictions He is afflicted; we are members of His body, His flesh, and His bones.” Hence, after He had ascended and entered into His glory, when Paul persecuted His people, He said unto him, “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?” He will say, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”

In serving His people, He considers nothing that affects them unworthy of His notice. He said unto Annaias, “Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus.” He knows the street and house where His people dwell, that He might there render them all needful service.—J.N.D.

Nothing that gives value to life, nothing that makes life worth having shall ever die if we truly believe in Christ. The healthy action of our spiritual powers will never cease.—What is life without activity?—Worthless. And what is activity unless it be healthful? Misery.—Faith in Christ secures the healthy

action of all our spiritual faculties.—The perceptive, reflective, imaginative, recollective, anticipative, will work harmoniously forever.

Death in whatever relation you take it, always embodies one idea—separation. There is natural death; it is the separation of the body from the soul, and of both from those we love here. There is moral death; it is the separation of the soul from God. There is eternal death; it is the separation of the creature forever from the light and presence of its Creator.

The times of the Gentiles are those in which we are living at the present time. We are not living in the times of Israel, nor in connection with God's dealing directly with any nation upon the earth. He is dealing providentially now upon the earth, and everything in connection with it has to do with something beside an earthly nation.

Sinners, ye who have earthly hunger and thirst enough, let your ears be opened to hear the glad tidings of real salvation. Ye whose hearts have never known solid peace—ye who are forever desiring, yet never satisfied—ye who cry, O for office, O for honor, O for wealth! See, here is that which is better far than all you seek. Here are durable riches and righteousness. Here are the first instalments of pleasure that flow forever at God's right hand. Here is heaven proffered and even pressed upon your regard and your choice. Choose life before death, as you would be wise for your eternal well-being.