

place, be assured of that. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Now you have either the Son of God, or you have not. Where are you, dear friend?—If believing in Him, you have the Son of God, *you have life*. In this case, it is not a question of hoping that you will not die without the Lord; you have the Son, and you have life. But if you have not the Son—if your heart is not attached to Jesus as your only hope, your only refuge, *you have not life*; and if you continue in this state, there is not anywhere a single promise that would warrant you in believing that you will receive it before you die. All the promises have their centre in Christ and a present application. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation." "To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

How uncertain is human life! when I left home some weeks ago, a lady of our acquaintance was confined to her room through indisposition although not to her bed. I heard frequently of her during my absence, and on my return, her sister came with joy to tell me that the invalid was much better. This was at four o'clock. At eight o'clock the same evening her sister read to her a chapter from the New Testament. At nine o'clock she was dead. What a solemn and sudden change! We have every reason to believe that for a number of years our deceased friend believed from her heart in Christ, and that now she is happy with Him. But suppose this had not been the case, how could she have been able to go to Christ