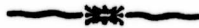


much like his Master here, as also in what he says in 2 Timothy ii. 10, and other places.

*Christ in glory is my righteousness* : Paul had no better, and no one had any other ; and it is Him I am following after, to be with Him, and like Him. My life ought to be like a man in a long passage, going towards a bright lamp at the other end of it. I do not get the lamp till the *end*, but I have the light of it all the way, and the nearer I get to it, the more brightly it shines upon me, and in that sense I get more of the lamp every step I take. The nearer I get in my spirit to the "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," the more I can afford to regard the trouble on every side as "light affliction," and "but for a moment." *All present things become less to me, the more really I am looking at eternal things.* Positive persecution I find to be less hard to bear when it actually comes, than it seems in looking forward to it. When it is before me I look *at it*—when I am in it, I look *out of it* at Christ, and find relief in God. And thus we do not faint.



FRAGMENT.—If by the law God tested fallen man as to ability and willingness *to do* His will ; by the Gospel, He has tested him as to his ability and willingness *to suffer* His will. Under the law, man was *to give* to God ; under the Gospel, man was *to receive from* God. But man, fallen, has neither heart, nor mind, nor will to have anything to do with God. He will not have Him as *the end* of his being, nor will he have Him as *its source*. When Grace prevails to save a soul, it soon becomes evident that *the source* precedes *the end*, and that "All my springs are in Thee" must precede "Lo, I come to do Thy will, oh God!"