

PEACE IN BELIEVING.

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DEAR friend: I thank you for your good letter of yesterday, I am happy to see that the Lord continues to occupy you with a subject so important as the salvation of your soul, but at the same time I am distressed to learn that you are still a stranger to that peace which the gospel announces. However, it is of grace that you are kept from a false peace, by means of which Satan seeks, in a thousand ways, to deceive poor souls and drag them down to perdition. But avoid settling down or continuing a single moment in your present state. "Remember Lot's wife." She went out of Sodom with her husband in order to escape the terrible judgment which God was about to bring on this wicked city. But her heart was still there, her attachment for Sodom and all that was in it continued, and so, *looking behind her*, she was changed to a pillar of salt, and thus became a perpetual monument of the terrible consequences which result from a return of a state of awakening to one of indifference. Oh! that God Himself may engrave upon your heart the warning given to Lot and his family; "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed." (Gen. xix. 17).

You say, "I believe I shall not die without knowing the Lord." I also seriously hope you may not. You are—as you read this letter—either a child of God, or a child of wrath. There is no middle

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