

Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan ; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there." We see by this verse that Terah took Abram, who did not quit his father's house, and could not make much way. The thing is evident in the eleventh chapter of Genesis ; and Stephen speaks of it in these words (Acts vii. 2-4): " The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, etc., and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land wherein ye now dwell." God had said to him, " Get thee out of thy father's house," but he leaves it not. Just so it happens to a heart that has not understood that it must give itself wholly to God. It gives up a great deal for duty, it receives nothing. When the question is of following God, it keeps something for itself. Nevertheless, grace acted towards Abram, but thus it is that one often plunges one's self into doubt.

The Lord had said, Get out, and come into the country that I will shew thee. Abram, not having done so, might have said, What will become of me ? I have not left my father's house, what will befall me ? I have only followed half-way the command of the Lord ; I have not done all that He said to me ; my heart not being in it, I have here neither the word nor the promises ; I am about to perish in Charran. But such was not God's thought. Now in chapter xii. 4, it is said, " So Abram departed, as the Lord had said to