

the things of this present life, was now detached from them, having heavenly things in prospect, and as a present possession a new object for his heart in the person of the Lord Jesus in whom he had believed.

His faith was as simple as a child's; he believed what the word of God said, and proved the effects

But Satan, who had held this soul in darkness and in death for so many years, could not allow him to enjoy peaceably the new blessing which grace had given him. He used a person of influence to provoke doubts in the heart of this babe in Christ as to the salvation which he possessed; but happily they did not long continue; they disappeared as mist before the rays of the sun.

The spring opened, but another spring had opened before the happy old man; he had left this world to be with the Saviour, in His rest. His young friend had come to him for the last time to say good bye, and to read a few more verses from the precious word of God, which they had so often enjoyed together. "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (Jno. xiv, 1-3.) Shortly after, the old man peaceably fell asleep in the arms of his Saviour, who had washed him from his sins in His precious blood. "Absent from the body," he was "present with the Lord."

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