

and to which reference is made in the eleventh of Hebrews, having also been the basis of the Faith and Hope of all the apostles and churches raised up under their labors, having been the theme or ground-work of their own preaching, quoting from, and referring to them so often, I say, considering all this, it is truly wonderful how free from ostentation these original gospel sermons to Abraham were, how devoid of all the modern preliminaries and accompaniments. For no ponderous and costly bell summoned the patriarch; no grand cathedral had been erected, with cushioned pew, and luxurious rostrum; no thundering organ, no trained voices discourse music appropriate to this celebrated occasion; no prayer was uttered to add solemnity to the scene, or to carry the words of the gospel about to be uttered with more telling effect to the mind and heart of the hearer; no modern benediction was pronounced at the close of these model gospel discourses. Had they been delivered in the midst of splendid surroundings, with great pomp and costly pageantry, before an audience of many thousands, the world would perhaps never have lost sight of him as they have. But as such is the case, it becomes a duty we owe both to God, as well as man, to show the important place these few original, model, gospel sermons occupy in the purpose of God, by calling attention to the exact words, ideas, and promises, contained in them, which we beg permission to do in our next paper upon this subject.

### Words From a Sister.

God, speaking through his servants, says, "They that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hath not forsaken them that seek thee." Ps. 9: 10. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it, and are safe." Prov. 18: 10. These words are a comfort to me, knowing that if I run into that name, which is perfection of character, being trained by God himself through the word, that Jehovah himself will be my protector. When we know this, it is enough to give us encouragement not to put off and lose valuable time; for our training is not done in a twenty-four hour day. To know the name and get into it is more than doctrine. The life of Jesus before his baptism, his patience with all that he suffered, showing his love to Jehovah which was more than doctrine. He saw the value of eternal life and made up his mind he would gain it, if he gave up all. His cries went up to Deity day and night. The 119th Psalm, verse 53, speaking of Jesus says, "Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law," and verse 20, "My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgements at all times." Verse 131, "I opened my mouth and panted; for I longed for thy commandments." Verses 99 and 100, "I have more understanding than all my teachers; for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients because I keep thy precepts." And again God speaking of Jesus through the prophet