

ed up by that God whose glory it is to reveal a thing, as well as to conceal a thing, to be at once a reformer, a deliverer, a statesman, and the leader and judge of a great and mighty people.

The life of Moses was divided into three periods of forty years duration. He spent the first forty years of his life in the place of Pharaoh surrounded with all the pomp and splendour of the court of Egypt. He had spent the second forty years of his life an exile with Jethro his father in law on the hills and mountains of Midian. He had spent the third forty years of his life in the wilderness, toiling and labouring for the temporal and eternal well being of the people of God. The time had now arrived for his removal from the scene of labour and toil, to the rest and the reward. He had brought the people of his charge to the very borders of the promised land. Though they had been unbelieving, ungrateful, and ungodly, they had just to cross the Jordan, and take possession of the land flowing with milk and with honey. It was doubtless for wise and benevolent purposes, though but partially known to us, that God took Moses away at this interesting and exciting period of his history. We know that he was very suddenly summoned to leave the plains of Moab and ascend the mountain of Nebo, that from the top of Pisgah he might view the lovely and long-wished-for land. Moses had often seen that land before with the eye of fancy, of faith, of hope, but now he beholds it with the clear bright eye of sense. I think I see the old man wending his way up the steep ascent of Nebo, solitary and alone. As he nears its summit, feelings of inexpressible joy take possession of his heart, and I think I see them glowing in his countenance. The land in all its length, and breadth, and beauty meets his eye; and a voice which he had often heard before falls upon his ear; it was the voice of the Lord saying unto him, "This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, I will give it unto thy seed; I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither." There he died and was gathered to his people.

But we must not dwell upon the man Moses. We wish to make a few remarks on the words which he uttered in his farewell address to Israel just before his ascension, "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law." Our subject is divided into two parts, *secret* and *revealed* things. With the first we have exceedingly little to do,