

which earth's highest happiness is less than vanity. Again, he is a *man of business*. Eagerly and continually engaged in his work, furnished with one ready answer to all who would divert him from it, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease, while I leave it and come down to you?" Following in the footsteps of Jesus, he says, "I must work the works of Him that sent Me while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." He is a *man of learning*. Never satisfied with present attainments; ever labouring to know more—but it is to know more of Christ and His salvation; ever striving to "increase in wisdom," but it is "the wisdom which is from above;" content with no inferior teachers, but seeking more to be taught of God, and by Him made "wise unto salvation."

Such is *the man of God*, and that is the answer *he* will give to our question. His conduct as well as his conversation will leave us in no doubt of his sentiments. "I believe, nay, I am sure, that I am placed here, not to do my own will, but the will of my Father which sent me," and I know his will to be that I should "glorify him with my body and my spirit, which are his." I know his command to be that I should "work out my salvation with fear and trembling;" that I "give all diligence to make my calling and election sure;" that I "let my light so shine before men that they may see my good works;" and by seeing them be led also to "glorify my Father which is in heaven." And so he continues to live and labour till the Master's voice is heard, saying, "Come up higher," and so he passes away.

And whither doth he, *the man of God*, pass? To a Saviour's bosom; to the "rest that remaineth for the people of God." He goes to reap that which he has sown. He enters upon a state where "death is swallowed up in victory." He rests *forever* in the bosom of his God!

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WE do not doubt but, as a reasonable, loving father never requires of a child who is only ten years old the work of one who is thirty years of age, so our heavenly Father never expects of us in our debilitated state the obedience of immortal Adam in Paradise, or the uninterrupted worship of sleepless angels in Heaven. We are persuaded, therefore, that for Christ's sake He is pleased with a humble obedience to our present light, and a loving exertion of our present powers; accepting our gospel services "according to what we have, and not according to what we have not."—*Fletcher*.