

I had just tasted the Saviour's love, and was willing to risk all for His Name's sake. I repeated my refusal, and here for the time the affair ended.

Years passed over; and God, who had brought me to choose Him in my youth, had not forsaken me. I was now one of the Ministers of a large and beloved flock in the town of Sheffield; the father of a precious little family; and had daily cause to bless God for that gracious providence which had watched over both mine and mine.

One morning a message was sent up to the study that a person wished to see me below. On coming down I beheld a pale-faced, hunger-stricken looking man, with clothes that had once been respectable, and an address which was out of keeping with his present appearance, and betokened better days. Judge of my surprise when, in the squaïd, destitute-looking being before me, I recognized the active, energetic, and sprightly gentleman, who, on the occasion above referred to, had lectured me on the worldly folly of keeping holy the Sabbath-day. Unhappy man! though born and bred like myself in Scotland, where he had been taught better things, he had continued to desecrate the Sabbath; preferring his own carnal wisdom to the revealed will of God. But who ever hardened himself against God and prospered? A blight had come upon him. He was now reduced to absolute beggary, and the youth whom many years before he had endeavored to frighten out of his allegiance to the Lord of the Sabbath, by the terror of worldly ruin, was able both to feed and to clothe him, and tenderly but faithfully to remind him of what he had said against the law of God; and to testify, after years of trial, that his godliness was indeed "profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is," as well as "of that which is to come." "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord: and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the living heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

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