

of life. We do not use them, spend them, buy with them, live upon them, as we might and ought.—

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“For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.” Isa. 54: 10.

In condescension to our weakness, the Almighty has actually confirmed His promises with an oath, “Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge, to lay hold upon the hope set before us” Heb. 6: 17, 18.

A devoted family of the Society of Friends was deeply afflicted. They had lost all their property and were left almost penniless. The wife was sad indeed, and almost ready to despair; but the dear old man was cheerful. The wife was almost ready to despond and die. She was astonished at the coolness with which her husband met his lot; so she asked him one day:

“Husband, how is it that you bear this trouble so well? It almost crushes me to the earth.”

“Why, wife, we are not quite so bad as you imagine. We have one bond left which we can live upon.”

“Why, husband, what bond do you mean? I thought all was lost?”