

kept. My charge, My commandments, and My statutes and My laws," is the testimony of Jehovah to the Father of the Faithful, and the measure of all He requires of men. "The man Moses was very meek, and faithful in all his house," was inspired epitaph enough for a leader of the people after long discipline of hardships, and a burdened, laborious and eventful life. "That man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and eschewed evil," was the Holy Ghost's introduction to Job's indescribable sufferings and inexpressible sorrows, to his weary days of pain and wasting nights of watching which strengthened his moral fibre, attested his fidelity to God, enriched his experience and enlarged his eternal reward. "My servant David kept My commandments and followed Me with all his heart to do that only which was right in Mine eye," was the declaration of the Divine mind to keep the memory of David fresh in the political life of the people, and a sharp rebuke of Jeroboam's contrasted and condemned policy in leading the people away from God. "Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. But the high places were not removed; nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days," is the sum of the commendation of a godly man of royal estate that defended and maintained, as best he could, his national religion and his spiritual life against the perverse moral and dissolute political forces of his day. Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost, crushed beneath the cruel stones hurled by malice, bigotry and ecclesiastical assumption and pride, finds monumental record in the dying prayers, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit;" "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge;" "And devout men carried him to his burial." Of Barnabas it was enough to say, "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and faith." Of Cornelius, the approved Centurion, that "he was a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house; which gave much alms to the people and prayed to God alway;" and of Dorcas, as in their tears they showed the coats and garments she had made while she was yet with them, that "she was full of good works and almsdeeds." "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," was all the great apostle of the Gentiles dared to claim to encourage and strengthen the responsibility-laden Timothy placed in charge of the multiplying churches of early Christendom. "I have glorified Thee on earth, I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do," was our Adorable Lord's sufficient plea, testimonial and joy at the close of His earthly career in the wonderful communion with the Father in His intercessory prayer,