

up, *perhaps on a death-bed!* and that often an early one; or by some sore, bitter humbling trial, the direct loving, but severe, because needed chastisement of the Father's hand, to bitter, bitter sorrow of heart and shame and self-judgment; to look back on a lot of lost opportunities of serving the Blessed Lord, and helping souls around them, perhaps even to look back, (awful thought), *and see how they have been a stumbling-block to others*, when they might have been a help, or at least *not a hindrance*. (See 2 Peter i. verses 5 to end of 11, and Ephesians v. 14.) And to be saved so as by fire, like Lot out of Sodom.

Oh, children of God, beware of the world, which Satan would use to seduce you by, from walking with, and enjoying, that holy happy portion even here, that God's blessed Son suffered and died to bring us into the enjoyment of. The enjoyment of God Himself.

The world, like a beautiful handsome Delilah; will, if you allow it, put you to sleep in its lap, like she did Samson, the man separated to God in his day. And then like with him, it will end in your spiritual eyesight being put out, and your strength taken away, and you becoming the sport of the enemies of the Lord, if you do not, in the strength that is made perfect in weakness, the Lord's strength, learn to overcome the world.

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