

they were, they both so loved and revered God that he was not ashamed to be called their God. The Infinite One seemed even to delight in acknowledging his relations to them, often designating himself the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac. These two men are among the small number of our fallen race whose residence in glory is an historic fact.

Though Abraham was comparatively young when he received the promise that his seed should be so numerous as to be fitly compared to the stars in the firmament or the sand on the seashore, yet his brow was whitened with the snows of a whole century before Isaac was born; and for Isaac a wife was not sought till he had seen four decades of years. Even then it seems to have been the steward of the household, not Isaac or his father, who was the first to move in the matter. It is presumable that Eliezer had heard the heartrending groans of Abraham as he looked on the finely chiselled features of his beloved Sarah cold in death; that he had seen his tears as they fell in quick succession on her marble brow; that he had witnessed his agony when he perceived that his dead, though dearer to him than all the living, must be buried out of his sight; that he had stood by his side as he bargained for Macpelah's cave; that he had seen him weigh the four hundred shekels of silver and pay them to Ephron; that he had assisted in