

which is *efficient* and *spiritual*. *Reclination*; the act of reposing or resting, in the worth and efficiency of those things which are presented to the mind. *Appropriation*; taking hold, claiming, and embracing those things discovered and trusted in as my own. *Exultation*; the delightful exercise of pouring out the soul to God in strains of gratitude and triumph. *Anticipation*; enjoying before-hand the happiness and bliss of open vision, and likeness to the Lamb.

“ My soul *anticipates* the day,
Would stretch her wings and soar away—
A song to aid, a crown to wear,
And bow, the chief of sinners there.” *Altered.*

From this statement it will be observed, 1. that faith arises from a principle which Adam never possessed. 2. That therefore he could not lose it. 3. That as such, it cannot be the duty of his posterity to acquire in a state of depravity what they never possessed in innocence. 4. Supposing Adam *did* possess it, he never could have lost it, because it is the seed of God, which *liveth* and *abideth for ever*. 5. Even supposing that he did lose it, it would not follow by just consequences that it is the duty of his posterity to reproduce it. It was his duty to have *preserved* it; but reproduction would make creating power the duty of a creature. A simple illustration will make this idea quite plain. Suppose a master transmits to his servant the sum of a thousand pounds in paper money, to be employed in a manner and form described; and which sum is to be transmitted to all his children, providing that the primeval receiver preserves the donation by consistent deportment. But suppose that instead of employing it, he is tempted to cast it into the fire, and thus reduce it to ashes. He thus loses the principle by which his master's business was conducted, which disables him for his master's service, and involves his posterity in poverty. Now the question to be mooted would be, was it the servant's *duty* to have reproduced the paper, after its materials were dispersed in a thousand different ways? And also if it would constitute the duty of his children to bring into being what their