

' the worldly part in any, is the changeable
 ' part, and that is up and down, full and
 ' empty, joyful and sorrowful, as things go
 ' well or ill in this world; for as the truth
 ' is but one, and many are made partakers
 ' of its spirit, so the world is but one, and
 ' many are made partakers of the spirit of
 ' it; and so many as do partake of it, so
 ' many will be straitened and perplexed with
 ' it: but they who are single to the truth,
 ' waiting daily to feel the life and virtue of
 ' it in their hearts, these shall rejoice in the
 ' midst of adversity,' and have to experience
 with the prophet, That " Although the fig-
 " tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit
 " be in the vines; the labour of the olive
 " shall fail, and the fields shall yield no
 " meat; the flock shall be cut off from the
 " fold, and there shall be no herd in the
 " stalls; yet will *they* rejoice in the Lord,
 " and joy in the God of *their* salvation."
 Hab. iii. 17, 18.

If, contrary to this, we profess the truth,
 and not living under the power and influ-
 ence of it, are producing fruits disagreeable
 to the purity thereof, and trust to the strength
 of man to support ourselves, therein our con-
 fidence will be vain. For He, who removed
 the hedge from his vineyard, and gave it to
 be trodden under foot, by reason of the wild
 grapes it produced, (Isa. v. 5.) remains un-
 changeable: and if, for the chastisement of
 wickedness, and the further promoting his
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