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3. With what faith did David die, as seen in his "last words"?

Lightfoot and Westcott.

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In Bishop Lightfoot the English Church has lost one of her greatest sons. He stood in the first rank of European scholarship, and, if not absolutely the first among contemporary expositors of the New Testament, he had but one competitor for the first place—his schoolfellow Westcott. To both of these it was given to devote the most profound learning and the rarest intellectual gifts to their sacred work. Each possessed gifts and acquirements peculiar to himself, but both have displayed a degree at once of intellectual and of spiritual sympathy with the sacred writers whom they have expounded, which has been rarely equalled and never surpassed. The one desire of each ever seems to be to know the exact meaning of the sacred text, and to furnish every reader with the means of seeing it for himself; and we cannot recall in the commentaries of either of them, one word either of bitterness or of arrogance. In one respect Canon Westcott has been more fortunate than Bishop Lightfoot. He has been enabled to complete what he evidently contemplated from an early period as the great work of his life—his Commentaries on the Gospel and Epistles of St. John, to which he tells us the labours of thirty years were for the most part devoted. Bishop Lightfoot had evidently hoped, or at least wished, to do for all the Epistles of St. Paul what he did for those to the Galatians, Philippians, and Colossians; but it was not the will of God that he should complete his plan.