

# Letter: 61e 126 G v Wigram, Montpellier, January 11th, 1848

by John Nelson Darby

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*John Nelson Darby's letter discusses the state of the work in Montpellier, tragic events in Switzerland, and the importance of grace and confession in the community's healing process.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:14, Matthew 5:9, Romans 12:18, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:32, Philippians 4:7, Colossians 3:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, James 1:19-20, 1 Peter 5:10

**Topics:** "Forgiveness", "Grace"

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## Description

John Nelson Darby shares an update on his arrival in Montpellier, expressing hope for the work ahead despite the slow progress. He reflects on a tragic incident in Switzerland where a woman, who had attended their meeting, was killed but died in peace, showcasing the grace of God. Darby emphasizes the importance of recognizing the delusion of Satan and the joy of being freed from it, while encouraging a gracious and humble approach in dealing with individuals. He calls for patience and reliance on God's timing, reminding the brethren to remain steadfast and peaceful amidst challenges.

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## Transcript

p126 [To the same.] Dearest G V Wigram, - I write a line just to say I am arrived here, but before I can pretend to give much detail on the state of things. I trust the Lord will bless the work, but most of it has to be done here; they are slow, but there is good, which encourages.

It appears that in Switzerland two have been killed, but I have certainty of detail of only one, a woman, a wanton outrage of an individual. A man said he would have the satisfaction of firing at a momier's house, and did so; a woman just then came out of the stable, and received two balls, and died in six hours; she had been at our meeting; she died in peace, forgiving the man. They meet, and on the whole there is blessing, and they are happy. The Lord is working on in His grace.

I have received your letter. S-'s confession made me happy. I do not say his soul is fully restored, but what there is is true. I have written to him. I should look always distinctly and jealously that there was a full and definite, honest and clear recognition in small and great that they had been under the delusion of Satan, and were glad when they were out of it, without pourparlers and conditions; but when I saw this real, I should open my arms and prevent them with kindness. . . .

We must wait to see the Lord's hand, and deal with individuals in grace according to God: but what an instruction and humbling for all! But it is rather a moment to be quiet, unless or until God give some new call to serve in the matter. . . .

People have not seen the end yet, but it will come.

I do not bate one particle of the decision of the position I am in. . . . Act graciously and humbly through the Lord's goodness, but firmly from God. It is not a time to let the enemy in when he has been discovered. Kindest love to all the dear brethren. I trust they walk in peace.

Ever your affectionate brother.

Montpellier, January 11th, 1848.

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