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died." \* Thus  
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prevent that sin

practice of it: For without this, no nation can flourish; and  
"without holiness, no man shall see the Lord." \*

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III. To make some practical observations on this subject, was  
the third and last thing proposed.

On this head, I shall be very concise, as I have detained you  
so long already; and it is probable that your own reflections  
have anticipated much of what might be offered.

1. The first observation which naturally rises from this sub-  
ject, and must strike every one that considers it, is, the wise  
provision which Almighty God has made for the happiness of  
his rational creatures, by the constitution which he hath establish-  
ed in the moral world. He hath inseparably connected our duty  
and happiness together—the breach of that duty and misery.

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Nor is this all. When men by the abuse of their freedom of  
will, have counteracted his gracious designs, and rushed on their  
own ruin; the dispensations of his providence have interposed to  
snatch them from that ruin, and guide them to happiness. Thus  
hath the author of our being left men without excuse, if they will,

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\* Heb. XII. 14.