

certain things for our children, and we have lawfully laid hold of that covenant, what shall we next do but watch for the fulfilment "as those that watch for the morning," sure of its coming as of the rising of the sun.

To a parent who has so laid hold of God's three covenant promises for his little child, baptism for it is emphatically the right thing in the right place. To him it signifies and seals the engrafting of that child into Christ, its partaking of the benefits of the Covenant of Grace and its engagement to be the Lord's. Baptism for the child is then a visible token and seal of an actual transaction of faith between God and the parent. This transaction of faith may be as real a thing as that which took place in Jerusalem when David took back God's promise to himself and sealed it with the words, "Do as thou hast said," as real a transaction of faith as that which took place in the hill country of Nazareth, when Mary sealed the marvellous message of the angel with the words, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to thy word."

Some may object to such confidence as sure to