

## GOD'S REST.

HEBREWS iv.

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It is a blessed thing, though in one sense a terrible one (terrible ever to the flesh), to know that we "have to do" with God. (v. 13.) Yet there is nothing that we so easily forget, or so often lose sight of. The natural tendency of our hearts is to get out of, and then (as the disobedient child that of the parent whose eye he fears to meet) to dislike and dread God's presence. Always, every moment, under every circumstance, it is God with whom we "have to do."

People who are ever looking at second causes are led into practical infidelity; and so is it in measure with the saint of God. If he be resting in circumstances, he loses the sense of "having to do" with God.

But whether it be for blessing or for profit to the conscience, we have alike "to do" with God.

Are we seeking happiness, where shall we find it? where shall we get blessing that nothing can touch or hinder, that nothing can separate from, except in God? He is not only the source of our blessing, but the blessing itself. There are indeed many outward blessings given to His children by the way, and these even the unconverted may have; but the strength, the comfort, the joy of the Christian is this—he "has to do" with God. God is the source and centre of his blessing.