

religious duties, but by every part of our conduct, at all times, and upon all occasions. Let us pray fervently for his assistance according to our Saviour's command, and thus, by "waiting upon the Lord, we will renew our spiritual strength, we will run and not be weary, we will walk and not faint!"

IV. The God, whom we profess to love and serve is holy, both in his nature and perfections, and requires purity in the inward parts of all those who are about him. "Be ye holy; for I am holy," is the great command of our Heavenly King. And surely if our heart is right with God, we will consider all his precepts and commands concerning all things to be right. We will not feel disposed to attend to one precept and trample upon another. We will not, certainly, exalt the Lord more for the attribute of his mercy, than for the attribute of his holiness. The holiness of God will appear to us to be the most amiable part of his character; and we would rather that the whole human family, ourselves included, should sink into the gloomy shades of endless night, than that the holiness of God should be in the smallest respect sullied, or suffer the least diminution.—If then, our views of the Supreme Being be what they ought to be, our expressions of attachment to him and to his commands will be regular, as the gentle flows of the peaceful river, and constant, as the close-succeeding waves of the troubled sea.

Lastly, The last motive to a life of obedience to God's commands, which we shall at present mention is the happiness which is inseparably connected with it.—The people of God have sometimes very blessed anticipations of future glory resulting from the very circumstance of endeavouring to cultivate a close walk with God.

When the poor sinner, who is just beginning to emerge from the darkness of a natural state, is informed of the happiness which is experienced by the person, who has crossed the line which separates between a natural and spiritual state, he begins to anticipate how very happy he should be, were God to bestow upon him that mercy, which he above every thing else prays for, and without which, he is certain, he must be for ever