

3. With the wisdom of Christ, which is infallible.

4. With the truth and faithfulness of Christ, which can never change.

5. With the merits and righteousness of Christ, which are invaluable.

6. With the offices and characters of Christ, which are various.

7. With the glorious exaltation and intercession of Christ.

IV. The port he trades to; namely HEAVEN.

1. A distant port.

2. A rich port.

3. A safe port.

4. A free port. *No taxes!*

5. A royal port, the residence of the King Jesus.

6. A heavenly port.

V. Show the difficulties, trials, and losses he is liable to in trade. He meets with difficulties, &c.,

1. From storms and tempests.

2. From bad servants;—a sinful body and a wicked heart.

3. From thieves and robbers;—an evil world and Satan.

4. From false merchants.—hypocritical professors.

5. From wars and piracies; contentions of sad sinful lusts.

6. From calumny and falsehood.

VI. The manner in which his trade is carried on; namely, by books, by letters, by good bills, by running cash.

1. By books.

(1.) The Bible.

(2.) His memory, which is his day-book.

(3.) His judgment, which is his journal.

(4.) His affections, which are his cash-book.

(5.) His conscience, which is his ledger.

2. By letters; namely, his prayers.

3. By Good bills; namely, the promises of God.

4. By running cash;—visible comforts.

VII. The profits and losses of his trade; and show in what merchandise is better than silver or gold.

1. The merchandise of silver, &c., is uncertain; but this is sure.

2. The merchandise of silver, &c., is unsatisfying; this is soul-satisfying.

3. The merchandise of silver, &c., is short; but this is eternal.

4. The merchandise of silver, &c., is hurtful; but this is beneficial.