

Rebellion against lawfully constituted authority could not be entertained, for one moment, by the diligent loving student of the Bible!

In expressing their judgment on this point, the Committee would use the language of a Divine of 1569, when *Pius V., Bishop of Rome*, issued, in England, a seditious Bull. "If thou learn to humble thyself before God, and to seek wisdom of him; if thou search the scriptures, and make them thy guide to lead thee through the desert and wide sea of this life, thou shall soon espy the danger of all practices towards disloyalty, and rebellion, whereto the Bull driveth thee. For it is not only said by the wise man, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. 1.) but also set down by the Prophet, "They have rejected the word of the Lord, and what wisdom is there in them?" Jer. viii.—That is—men become foolish, and do such things as are unmeet, because they care not for the word of God; and therefore David, in his experience, so confesses, that by *the commandments of God he was made wiser than his enemies, and had more understanding than all his teachers; because the testimonies of the Lord were ever with him, and he did meditate upon them.*" Ps. 119th.

Your Committee desire to record, however, as their conviction, that to whatever cause the evil may be traced, *the remedy is the Word of God.*

The whole Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable to teach, to improve, to correct, and to instruct in righteousness. To teach the truth; to reprove falsehood; to correct vice; to instruct in all virtue. *Basil* saith—"The Scripture of God is like an apothecary's shop, full of medicines of sundry sorts, that every man may there choose a convenient medicine for his disease." There are salves, and ointments to cure all maladies: whosoever cannot be cured by the word of God, his disease is grown desperate and past cure. There is no sentence, no clause, no word, no syllable, no letter, but is written for thy instruction; there is not *one jot, but is sealed and signed with the blood of the Lamb.* Our imaginations are idle; our thoughts are vain; there is *no idleness, no vanity*, in the word of God. If in this day of novelties, in religion, we seek to know the Sacraments of the Church, what they are: if we would be instructed in the sacrament of Baptism, or in the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ; if we would learn to know our Creator; and to put the difference between the Creator, and the creature; if we desire to know what this present life is, and what is that life which is to come; if we would believe in God, and call upon the name of God, and do worship unto God; if we would be settled in perfect zeal, and true knowledge; if we would have an upright

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