

was created, consisted, according to the Apostle, in righteousness and true holiness.

The Scriptures describe God, in the sublime language of one glorious in holiness, and of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. Holiness, includes the moral excellence and rectitude of his nature; his justice, goodness, and mercy. It is that perfection which preserves the order and harmony of the Universe, and produces all possible happiness among its inhabitants; and for this reason, the blessed in heaven celebrate it in songs of praise, as the brightest effulgence of the Divine perfections; Holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

In a creature, Holiness consists in obedience to God; and a perfect consecration of all his powers, to a diligent imitation of the Divine perfections. "Now, this Holiness," says the late Mr. Savile in his excellent discourses, "Adam possessed as soon as he was created, and while he continued in the Garden of Innocence.

"He knew most intimately the Divine Law; what he admired, he chose; and evinced his choice by the most spotless and ardent obedience. No wrong bias, no corrupt principle disturbed for a moment the harmony of his soul. His affections and passions all pure and spiritual, were ceaseless Ministers to the Lord.

"Love stood before his altar, and offering her grateful incense, kept up the hallowed flame.—Fear, with Angel reverence, bowed before the Sanctuary; where as yet, no interposing veil had hid the presence of Divinity.—Hope lifted up her hands and eyes to heaven, and showed by the intenseness of her countenance, where and what she expected to be.—Joy told her raptures in glad hosannas of praise, and sought on earth to join in those songs, which Seraphs sing in the celestial mansions; whilst Memory unfolded the records of eternal love, and with extacy, reviewed the glorious past: And Conscience, yet unsullied, stood by, witnessed the sacred service, and gave her approbation as the voice of God. Such was man in the day when God created him; knowledge and holiness, the image of God, all that is great, and all that is excellent, conspired to adorn and exalt his soul.

"Now, from this pre-eminent knowledge and holiness, there necessarily resulted another part of the Divine image: Consummate Happiness. Such is the constitution of things, that happiness is inseparable from knowledge and holiness: