

regard to Him cannot be possessed of a true faith. But, if we walk before God in the light of the living, not with eye service, as men pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing the Lord, this will be our surest guide throughout life, and, even as the sun falling on the drops of dew gives them a splendour, and a beauty not their own, so will this regard to Him consecrate and ennoble the very meanest, and most ordinary of your transactions.

6. Next in importance to our duty to *God*, and to *ourselves*, to which the precepts already mentioned are mainly to be referred, is our duty to our *fellow-men*, and specially to those who are of the *household of faith*. Add, therefore, it is said, to godliness "*brotherly kindness*." This duty implies in it, that we love our Christian brethren out of a pure heart fervently, that we exhort, encourage, and pray for one another in our Christian course, that we meekly submit ourselves to each others just reproofs, that we bear each others burdens, and sympathize with each others afflictions, conducting ourselves to our fellow Christians with kindness, and hospitality, with meekness and forbearance, "laying aside all bitterness, and wrath, and clamour, all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envyings, and evil speakings," and distributing to the necessities of such of our fellow believers as may be in circumstances of destitution, or of distress. Love to the brethren is the distinguishing mark of the sincere follower of Christ. "By this," said our Lord, "shall all men know that ye are my disciples, because ye have love one to another." "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar." "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." "We know," saith St. John, "that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." Abundant arguments and motives, my Brethren, present themselves for the cultivation of a spirit of Christian fellowship, and love, and happily felt, and exercised! If we are indeed of the number of those who have passed from death unto life, with what strong affection ought our hearts to yearn towards all those who truly love the Lord Jesus, who have been redeemed by the same Saviour, and towards whom He is still continuing to manifest the riches of His grace and love, who are members together with us of His one body, who have the same God, the same