

led by the Saviour in all his works. For this were all things created (Rev 4th. 11) For this purpose also were men redeemed: Thus says the Saviour, "I have glorified thee on earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." John (17. 4) And the whole multitude of the redeemed shall be "to the praise of the glory of his grace." (Eph 1. 6) What more powerful motive can be addressed to the heart of the believer than this, "that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ?" The gospel in an especial manner displays the perfections of God; Father Son and Spirit:—And when we 'hold forth the word of life,' we display the perfections of God to his creatures, that he may be known, loved, served and glorified world without end, Amen.

2ndly. In 'holding forth the word of life' by word, and example; we promote the best interest of men: Next to the glory of God, this was the object in view in the gift of the Saviour, and of the gospel. Man had revolted from God, and thus became guilty, and miserable. The gospel is the means of bringing him back to God, to holiness, to happiness. "Her ways are ways of pleasantness; her paths are paths of peace." In imparting the gospel to others then, we obey its benevolent spirit, we imitate the example of the Saviour, and we do good to men.

3rd. It is the best means of promoting our own happiness in time, and eternity. salvation is "by grace, through faith, and that not of ourselves it is the gift of God; yet God has graciously connected our duty and happiness together; so that while consulting the glory of God, and the good of men, we are in the most effectual manner promoting our best interests; Our Saviour while doing and suffering his Father's will here on earth, was animated by a prospect of "the joy that was set before him" Moses also had respect to the recompence of reward" Let us then dear brethren, while we are "looking for the mercy of God through our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" be careful to improve the talents he has bestowed upon us to the glory of his name, and the good of his cause, so shall we enjoy the testimony of an approving conscience while here: and when summoned to give account of our stewardship, shall have the happiness of hearing from the mouth of our Judge those cheering words, "Well done good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord." And now may the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you

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