

written, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you" (*Isaiah* lix. 2). And this interruption of communion will lead to darkness and deadness of soul, even, at last, to loss of all peace and assurance, if it is not again restored by confession to God, and being diligent in our walk with God" (see *2 Peter* i. 5-11).

And there is anointing. See how the order for the anointing of God's priests was carried out in *Leviticus* viii. 24. The blood of consecration was put on the ear, the thumb, and the toe. How suggestive is this that the soul should be entirely set apart for God, having once been brought to the blood of Jesus (*1 Corinthians* vi. 20). The hearing of God's truth only, giving wisdom and knowledge, as typified by the *ear*; the work of the hands, our labour for the Lord, as typified by the *thumb of the hand*; our walk before men, our path in life, our daily conduct, as typified by the *toe*.

And then the raiment also. We must be clothed with humility (see *1 Peter* v. 5). If we would enjoy the free favour of God, and be made meet for our Master's use, we must mark the special injunctions to separation from all things of an evil nature, all the fellowship with the ungodly, and the iniquity, of evil doctrine and false teachings, so prevalent now, and in these last times increasing so rapidly, and becoming worse and worse amongst the various sects or churches of christendom. These evils commenced in the days of the apostles (see *2 Timothy* ii. 17-21; *2 Corinthians* vi. 14-18; *Psalms* i. 1; *2 Peter*