

their families. When the time to meet God and his people arrives, being prepared by a contemplation of His word, family and private prayer, they will feel as David did on one occasion, when he expressed himself thus: "I was glad when they said let us go up to the house of the Lord." The business of life usually keeps you apart six days, but as man is a social being, and as his happiness can be increased by social intercourse, God has appointed one day in seven when his people can come together and enjoy his presence and blessing, and feel their fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. Never allow any surmountable circumstance to keep you from the house of God. It is in his house, especially, that the choicest blessings of His grace are communicated and received. One who had experience in these matters said, "I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth."—When you approach the house where God has so especially supplied your needs out of his fullness and glory, and under the influence of the grateful recollection of his goodness, you will understand and appreciate the feeling that prompted that expression of admiration, "How amiable are thy tabernacles O Lord of Hosts." Having entered into his house, and under a consciousness of the Divine presence, remember, "Thou God seest me." "How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven."

The Sabbath is an ordinance of divine appointment, which all are commanded to keep holy unto the Lord. In the observance of this piety can be made apparent and influential. See that those under your care and control do not live in the habitual violation of an ordinance so well adapted to the general well-being of man. Carefully avoid talking of such things on the Sabbath as do not savor of Godliness, an evil common among some who take upon them the Christian name. Let your actions, words, and thoughts harmonize with the sanctity of that type of Heavenly rest: "Not doing thine own work, nor

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