

language of this institution. "Parents, pastors, and people, pray for us; during our tender infancy, pray for us. And when matured by age, cause the doctrine which you profess, to drop upon us as the rain, to distil as dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as showers upon the grain. Watch over us with united care, and bring us up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It is a dispensation grand and merciful, which is calculated more powerfully to turn the attention of men, to the concerns of those who are rising into life, and passing into eternity.

There is one fault among others in the Baptist system, that it places the rising generation so entirely out of sight. I do not mean, that the Baptists themselves do this, for their conduct in this respect is much better than their system; but their system places them out of sight. And in this, it differs from all the dispensations of God, of which we have any particular knowledge; which alone would lead to a presumption, that it is not of God.

To what I have said concerning the use of infant baptism, under the idea of an institution suited to draw the attention more powerfully to the immortal concerns of the rising generation (and he must be very inattentive to human nature, who does not see a beauty and blessedness in such a contrivance); there is no objection that can be brought by a Baptist, but may be retorted. He may say, Cannot all this be done without baptizing infants? Retort: Cannot men be built up in faith and love, without either baptism or the Lord's supper?—Are not many baptized infants as destitute of real religion as others? Ret.—And are not many baptized adults, as destitute of religion as heathens?

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