

of this world, being spiritual in its principles, and sacred in its interests. Of this kingdom, Christ is the Monarch, the heart is the throne, grace is the sceptre, the Bible is the law, and glory the end.

Its stability.—"Which cannot be moved." This is in opposition to the passing away of the Old Testament dispensation. Its past stability is a pledge of its future endurance. The kingdom of Christ is firm, and shall continue the same in its character, principles, laws, constitutions, privileges, and immunities. The lapse of time, the attacks of infidels, the rage of persecutors, and the malice of devils cannot move it.

How we become interested in it.—"Receiving." Whereas by faith we embrace Christ, we become members of his kingdom.

CHRISTIAN DUTY RECOMMENDED.—Consider *What it includes.* "Serving God." Our aim should be to do this acceptably, and the manner, "with reverence and godly fear." We must avoid the forwardness of presumption and cultivate humility. Thus to serve God, is to yield ourselves implicitly to him.

What it requires.—"Grace." It is not to be accomplished by natural ability. Without a new heart we cannot have the disposition to serve God, and without grace we cannot have the power. *Where is it to be obtained?*—"Let us have grace." The source is divine,—but the means are human. Seek it from him who is the God of all grace.—*Temple.*

FINE THOUGHTS IN FEW WORDS.

SELECTED.

Outward attacks and troubles rather fix than unsettle the Christian, as tempests from without only serve to root the oak faster, whilst an inward canker will gradually rot and decay it.

The lovely bird of paradise, Christian contentment, can sit and sing in the cage of affliction and confinement, or fly at liberty through the vast expanse, with almost equal satisfaction; whilst "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in thy sight," is the chief note of the celestial song.

THE PROMISES are a cabinet of jewels, and they are as various as they are rich, suited to all the conditions of the Christian. They are the daily bread of God's children. There is Christ and heaven in every promise. "This is mine." They are the trees