

lone walk with Jesus. Our attention has been particularly drawn to the query concerning family worship. These times of waiting upon the Lord should be occupied to His glory, for in them is the key-note, not only of success in business, and peace of mind, but of the life of the Church. The answer to this query involves the answers to all the rest. The blessings around the family altar depend largely upon our faithfulness in private devotion; and when we meet in congregation of the people, we shall know of the Lord's presence being nearer, if we have already met Him in the circle of the family. Whatever our company or circumstances may be, family worship should never be omitted, and no plans for the day should be made without asking God's co-operation. It is only when we have thus covered our heads with the helmet of His salvation, that we are prepared for the dangers of the day.

Our family worship should be interesting and instructive; and in all our public waiting upon the Lord, whilst we exalt pure worship as of paramount importance, these should be times of service for the Master and instruction, that we may be built up in the most Holy Faith. We should be punctual at all our meetings, for with the first two or three the Lord Jesus Christ has come, and we would not keep *Him* waiting. We should *not* delay in the banqueting-hall of the King. The truths of God's word must be applied *personally*. We may believe them as glittering generalities, and be lost forever. When we have been able to apply these truths to our own souls can we dare to seek office in the Church on personal or family grounds? It would almost seem to be a sin against the Holy Ghost, to take out of His hands the prerogative of these appointments; thus we peril not only the interests of the Church but our own souls. The flock will be unfed, and torn and scattered on the mountains, if we place as rulers of the Church those whom the Lord does not appoint.

We send this down to our subordinate meetings and members in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

58. Drafts of Epistles to London, Dublin, New York, Indiana,