

Bring them early to God's house, as the parents of Jesus brought Him to the temple. There publicly offer them to God in that solemn ordinance which recognizes them as heirs of the blessings of the covenant of grace.—Surely they are as eligible for the seal of the righteousness of faith, as were infants in former days. The Church of God has never been without the "*little ones*." They were regarded by the great Head of the Church, with peculiar interest, in that important period when he remodeled and enlarged his Church, with all the plenitude of gospel blessings.

But this is the easiest part of your duty to your children. By word and deed let them discover that you believe in the doctrines of the Scriptures, and that you are in earnest in religious matters. Plead in prayer, while gathered around the family altar, that blessed promise, "I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring." Would you be useful in your day to those around you? Be consistent in your profession of religion. Ponder deeply the solemn words of the Lord Jesus to his disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." The line of distinction must be visible, between the Church and the world. But, alas, too many professors of religion, seem disposed to disregard the emphatic requirement of the Gospel, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." We should remember that although Christianity has greatly influenced mind and manners in this country, Satan is not yet bound, but is endeavoring with great success to nullify the influence of the Church for good by artfully introducing the spirit, maxims and customs of the world. Be on your guard, ye followers of the Lamb, make no unholy alliances; the friends of the world are yet the enemies of God, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation."

In the Church be found in your place, not merely when the word is proclaimed, but in the *prayer meeting*. There rally around us, instead of taking those seats which are as far away as possible. Cheer the hearts of your class-leaders by a faithful attendance at Class-Meeting. Willing absence from this means of grace, peculiar to us, but which God has