

life of God in the soul of man. This, this was the peculiar glory of the life of Christ." *F. W. Robertson.*

The other part of the subject may be gathered into the question :

*How is this world to be used so as not to be abused ?*

By "this world" the text does not mean anything evil ; but all the things connected with this life and surrounding us therein which we may legitimately use, yea, which we were created with adaptations and propensities to use and to enjoy. Eating, drinking, sleeping—the joyous consciousness of being—the arrangements of personal, domestic, and social life—the manifold materials every where surrounding us that may be improved for our physical, intellectual or spiritual good,—and the magnificent dwelling place built up in order and beauty by the Creator for the abode of the human race, and in which these advantages are to be enjoyed. With this understanding the question before us receives as a first response.

1.—*By personal Consecration to its Maker and Ruler.*

We find ourselves in the midst of material good, the creation of God,—and of an incessant course of events, under His direct control. The Ruler of all things, He is *our* Ruler : the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth : He is *our* Father. It must be plain to any one who will think, that if we are to use these things aright, we must receive them from His hand, obey His behests concerning them, and do Him homage for them. Nothing can possibly be more natural or reasonable than His requirement, that whether we eat or drink or whatsoever we do, we should do all to His glory. We have only to realize our actual position in this world, whose Maker, Ruler, Supporter is God, in whom we ourselves live and move and have our being, to see at once that there can be no proper use of His gifts, no worthy treatment of Him in the enjoyment of them, without personal homage, gratitude and service. Unless He is thus recognized, we live in the midst of His works and in the enjoyment of His care and bounty most ungratefully and wickedly—such an one is a life of ungodliness, the very life which is called in the Scriptures ungodly.

This being admitted, the question of the principles and mode