

supplied sooner, and why they have to "wrestle" for the coveted blessings. One reason is, to strengthen and compact their faith. Then, too, as an acute writer has well said, the real wrestling is not with the loving God so much as it is with the obstructions which lie between God and us—such as selfishness, or fear, or unbelief. When those are got out of the way, the stream of blessings flows in. There is many a church that will have to wrestle with their worldliness and self-sufficiency, or their wretched quarrels and backbitings, before the Spirit's blessings are poured out.

Nothing will so purify and enlarge our desires as love. If we love God, we shall desire his glory. If we love Jesus, we shall desire the coming of his kingdom. Even the slave of the intoxicating cup will find the new love of Christ expelling his desire for the deadly thing. The deeper and purer our need, the more abundant will be the flow of heavenly gifts. As we draw closer up to the fountain head, we shall be filled with all the fullness of God. He will supply every right desire according to his riches, in his glorious way, through Christ Jesus.

SABBATH SICKNESS.

This remarkable disease has not been treated in books of pathology.

It is of the intermitting kind, attacking the patient by violent paroxysms, which return every seventh day.

These paroxysms return only on the Lord's Day, hence it is called the Sabbath sickness; but by the faculty it is technically known by no other name than *Des Domini Morbus*.

The patient is sometimes deprived of his limbs, and especially the legs and feet, so that he is indisposed to walk to the house of God.

In some cases this attack has come upon them after they have gone to the house of God, and has been attended with yawning and slumber.

In other cases there has been great uneasiness in the house of God, and a disposition to complain of the length of the sermon, though they have been known to sit very contentedly in a play-house several hours at a time, or stand on the street in the cold several hours to listen to a political harangue.

These persons often surprise their neighbors with their great activity and health on Monday, however unfavorable the weather may be.

Most of the faculty agree that there is a low fever heat, technically called *febris mundi*, or fever of the world, which may be detected in these patients during the days of the week.

There also seems to be a loss of appetite for savory food, and a want of relish for *panis vite*, bread of life, which is an indispensable remedy for this disease.

Persons affected with this disease generally have a disrelish for private religious exercises of the closet, and reading of the Scriptures.

It is also contagious—neighbors take it from neighbors, and children from parents.—*Banner of Truth*.