

them and God. Is there any evil in your past for which restitution has not been made? Is there any sin in your present life which you are unwilling to give up? Is there any duty which God requires, and which you are not doing? If the spirit of God takes issue with you on any matter you must yield the point before you can find peace. Inactivity keeps many a soul in darkness, while earnest work for God will bring a rich blessing. Remove the cause of your unsatisfactory state if you can find it, and fulfil the conditions for a happy Christian life.

If you cannot find anything specifically wrong, or lacking, two things need to be remembered. First, one's religion does not depend on feeling, but on the attitude of the will toward Christ. If you have yielded the will to Him, your feelings will swing into line in due time. Next, if you are cold in heart, why not come to Christ to be warmed? Who would urge being cold as a reason for staying away from the fire? In personal fellowship with Christ and His people the emotions that ought to possess us will be found. And the highest point of this communion is reached at the Lord's Table.

Why do men make excuses at all for declining the Master's invitation? If they do not want to come why not say so and settle the question once for all? Because they do not want to refuse once for all? Nothing is farther from their minds than to exclude themselves forever from the feast of love. They offer excuses because they expect to come some time, and they want the way kept open. But