

to me, and for my love?" said the Lord to his people, by his prophet Zachary. Are you not satisfied with the simple exterior of devotion in which your heart has no part?

II. *Fasting should be accompanied by prayer, and works of mercy.*

"Lord," said the Israelites, "we have fasted, and you have not vouchsafed to look on us." "Be not surprised," answered the Lord, by the prophet Isaias, "for even on the day of your fasting you still think of satisfying your passions.—The fast I approve of is, to break the bonds of iniquity, and divide your bread with the hungry."

