

faithfulness, you should be found to censure and condemn what the eternal Jehovah, the God of Truth, has declared in the sacred volume of inspiration. To condemn any man's ministrations, because they may happen to be contrary to preconceived opinions, or opposed to the natural pride of the human heart, or obnoxious to the carnal mind, or calculated to bring down the towering imaginations of self-righteousness, as dangerous and criminal presumption. But alas! it is a species of presumption which is by no means uncommon. Be not you guilty of it.

4. Be regular in your attendance on your pastor's public ministrations. By occasionally absenting yourselves from the house of God, you may lose the very truths which your cases most require. Sabbath after Sabbath he is bound to proclaim to you the glorious Gospel of the grace of God,—those doctrines and precepts, warnings and promises, by the knowledge, faith, and obedience of which alone your souls can be regenerated, enlightened, sanctified, and saved; and Sabbath after Sabbath you are no less bound to appear in the place where God has promised to record his Name, and to meet with his people and bless them; unless you have a reason for absence which your own consciences will approve in the solemn hour of death, and the Great God, who searcheth the hearts and trieth the reins of the children of men, will sustain in the Day of Judgment. The preaching of the Gospel is the principal means which God renders effectual for the conviction and conversion of sinners, and the spiritual improvement of his saints. To absent yourselves, therefore, from the preaching of the Gospel, on any occasion, unnecessarily, is saying that you feel but little concerned about your immortal interests. It is not keeping the Fourth Commandment to divide the Sabbath between religion and the world—Christ and the devil. When your minister is here to preach, be you here to listen.

Lastly. It is your bounden duty, and it should be your conscientious, delightful, and daily practice to remember