

ties with us in the same sense that the Jews had Moses and the Prophets with them. Moses was preached, being read in the synagogue every Sabbath day ; and thus Christ is preached in a re-proclamation of his word by his followers.

If this be true, then what follows : Christians, it is for you to say whether the bleeding cause of truth shall be longer trodden under foot or not ? Arise in the name of Israel's God—Zion put on your strength—your beautiful garments.—Arise, and come up out of the wilderness, leaning on the breast of your beloved.

He, therefore, who makes or keeps up divisions in the body of Christ is opposing the Lord Jesus ; and is a rebel in the ranks of the King of Kings ! Like an army marching to the conflict against the common enemy—the opposing squadrons in full view—a petty chieftain here and another there, commences promoting divisions amongst the soldiers, and thus turns off their attention from their duty ; so the professed disciple of the Lord who is endeavouring to call the attention of his fellow to any subject which is not connected with the present and future salvation, is promoting or keeping up divisions in the family of heaven, instead of doing his duty.

We have asserted that it is a sin so to act—now for the proof :

1. The Lord Jesus prayed for the union of all those who should believe on him through the Apostle's word. Those who do any thing to sever these, opposes the Lord Jesus, and are rebels !

2. "While one saith I am of Paul, and I of Appollos, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"—1 Cor. iii. If it was sinful to say, I am of Paul and I Appolos, then it is more sinful to say, I am of Calvin, and I of Luther, and I of Wesley, and I of Campbell ! What does Paul say of the carnal mind ? and these, brethren, he calls carnal ! "To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

3. "He that hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." Reader, you know that the different religious denominations hate each other—you know that many will say and do anything which the laws of the land will permit to build themselves up, and supplant others. This is sinful, for they ought to love their neighbour as themselves, and do good unto all, especially the household of faith.

Proof may be multiplied to an indefinite extent on this proposition. Reader, this is a subject of great importance ! examine it well. I hope you are convinced that it is *sinful* to make or keep up divisions in the body of Christ. Do you enquire what must be done to unite the followers of the Lamb ? *Answer.*—Turn your attention to the New Testament—read that attentively, particularly the Acts of the Apostles—continue steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine, the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and in prayers ; believe and act as did the primitive Christians. Read also 1 Cor. 1st and 3d chapters—and pray and seek earnestly for more of the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord willing, you shall hear us again on this subject—particularly to show the cause of division and dissention, and the ground on which all may meet and form one communion.

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