

rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Moses was a servant in the house of God. Christ rules over the children of God. God is a Father; he sustains a close, intimate, and most endearing relation to all who are united to Jesus. And that in believers in Christ, which constitutes childhood in relation to him, is that moral resemblance to him, which the Holy Spirit through the truth produces in those that believe it.

Holiness ought to be the grand characteristic of the house of God. God's people should be holy, as the Lord their God is holy.

What is holiness? Holiness is love. All holiness is resolvable into love, just as all sin is resolvable into selfishness. The law of God is evidence that holiness is love. What are the grand requirements of the law? Supreme love to God and equal love to our neighbours. Is holiness obedience to the law? Obedience to the law is love to our God and to our fellows. Therefore holiness is love. Is holiness conformity to the will of God? It is the will of God that we should love him supremely and our neighbours as ourselves; for his preceptive will is expressed in his law. Paul expressly teaches us that love comprehends all the duties that we owe to our neighbours. He says, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law," Rom. xiii. 10; and just as love comprehends all the duties which we owe to our neighbours, it is the sum of all the duties which we owe to God, Jesus being witness; for he says, that, to love God, with all the heart, soul, strength, and mind, is the first and great commandment.

Faith is necessary to holiness in us. We have sinned. We have lived selfish lives. We have lived to ourselves and not to God. By the gospel, through the loving Spirit, God draws us from sin to holiness. The gospel is the good news that Jesus died for our sins. This wondrous fact reveals the matchlessness of the love of God to us and his hatred to our sins. When this gospel is believed the soul loves God, who is love, and loves men, who are loved by the God of salvation. Holiness thus takes its rise in the soul, whenever the gospel is believed. It grows as faith grows. Hence the necessity for continuance in the faith of the truth, and frequent meditation on the sufferings and death of Christ. Hence also the necessity of prayer for the Holy Spirit to give us a clearer apprehension of the truth, and to bring it in closer and more powerful contact with the soul.

How is it that we are under obligation to be holy and to grow in holiness, seeing that holiness is realized in certain exercises of our emotional nature—our affections? Because, as will-endowed agents, we have control over our feelings. We cannot, by a direct act of will, call