

- 47 What do they contain? Our duty to man.
- 48 Are you able to keep the commandments of God? No.
- 49 How many sacraments are there? Two.
- 50 What are these? Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- 51 Who appointed these sacraments? Christ, the king and head of the Church.
- 52 For what end did he appoint them? To be the seals of the covenant of grace.
- 53 In whose name were you baptized? In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
- 54 What doth your baptism teach you? That I am filthy and polluted by nature, and that there is cleansing virtue in the blood of Christ for me.
- 55 What comes of the wicked after death? They are sent to hell.
- 56 What sort of a place is hell? A place of everlasting punishment.
- 57 What comes of the righteous after death? They go to heaven.
- 58 What sort of a place is heaven? A glorious place, where the redeemed will be for ever praising God.

## HINTS FOR PRAYER.

It is too frequently the case, that parents content themselves, by teaching a form of words to be repeated by their children as prayer, while no idea is conveyed to the child's mind, either of the necessity of the Holy Spirit to guide in prayer, of its own wants, or of the supply for those wants that God has provided in the Gospel. Whilst the example of our Lord, in teaching his disciples a form of prayer, should teach us, that instruction in prayer is not to be neglected; the instruction which Christ gave, in answer to their request, (see Luke xi. 1—13. Mat vi. 5—34.) should also teach us not to stop with a mere form of words, but that our wants, and God's willingness to supply them should also be pressed on the attention. The 98th and 99th questions of the Catechism, if attended to in all their parts, will convey a short, but at the same time an excellent exposition of prayer.

That indefatigable and successful labourer for the instruction of youth, Mr. Gall, has given in his "Questions on Prayer," an analysis of prayer which we subjoin, as containing in a small compass, more practical instruction on the subject of prayer, than we could give in any other way.

### ANALYSIS OF PRAYER.

Prayer may be divided into PREFACE, PETITION, CONCLUSION.

1st, PREFACE, into

INVOCATION.—(1.) O God, O Lord, &c.

ADORATION.—(2.) From God's Titles; (3.) From God's Attributes; (4.) From God's Doings.

CONFESSION.—(5.) Of what we are; (6.) Of what we have done; (7.) Of what we deserve.

THANKSGIVING.—(8.) For what God has done; (9.) For what God is doing; (10.) For what God has promised to do.

2nd, PETITION.

FOR OURSELVES.—Asking *Mercy and Pardon*; (11.) God's favour and deliv-