

respectful? No more is it possible for a Christian to be outwardly irreverent, outwardly to assume an offensive and disrespectful demeanour towards God in His House, and inwardly to honor and fear Him and hallow His Great Name.

No observing person can help perceiving that the outward posture of the body has an effect upon the mind; and it is equally certain that your behaviour in Church is either a real help or a serious hinderance to your neighbour's devotions. Take your place in Church between two persons who are reverent and devout in their demeanour one Sunday, and between two careless persons another Sunday, and what a difference there will have been in your own prayers! The one Sunday, it was hard for you not to feel devout; the other Sunday, devotional feeling was impossible.

Even in your own room it is the same. I do not suppose that anyone thinks of sitting to say his prayers in his closet at home; but even there, if at one time you kneel in a lolling, lazy posture, and at another time you kneel up straight, with your hands reverently clasped and your eyes closed, the one posture will incline your mind to wander and your body to drowsiness, while the other posture will help you to keep in mind God's eye fixed upon you.

Be reverent, then, in your manners and behaviour; it is one step towards securing the reverence and attention of the heart and of the whole life. Remember that Christ our Lord teaches us to say, 'Hallowed be Thy Name, in Earth as it is in Heaven.' How is it hallowed in Heaven? Does not every glimpse that we have in Scripture of the worship of God by the holy angels, represent them to us as evincing, when they approach to their Eternal Lord, the lowliest reverence in act and gesture?