

Faith which was once delivered unto the saints." In this country, no less than in those lands where Christianity and civilization were cradled, error, superstition, wordliness and vice combine their forces against the progress of the pure, living, soul-saving influences of the Gospel of Jesus. Have you, beloved brethren, no responsibility in this regard? That which will most tell against these pernicious and destructive principles is the faithful maintenance of Christian Ordinances and Godly piety,—a simple worship, a plain earnest utterance from the pulpit of the Gospel message to mankind, faithfulness in teaching to the young the Holy Scriptures together with that admirable compend of Christian doctrine the Shorter Catechism, a prayerful reading, in the family and in the closet, of the Book of books, the cultivation of a living holiness through fellowship with Christ, and through works of faith and love. The Sabbath, the Church, the Bible, the family Altar—these are the bulwarks which can alone successfully resist the inroads upon society of infidelity, of superstition, of selfishness, of intemperance, of ungodliness. Much have you in your power. Arise! Meet manfully the enemies of the truth. Hold fast, without wavering, the profession of your Faith. Seek, in earnest prayer, the promised teaching and help of the Holy Ghost. Shut not your eyes against the light, but walk in it. Then shall you know the will of God, and knowing it, shall do it. Your reward is sure. In your own conscience—in the conviction that you are doing your duty—you shall have your reward. In the evidence which the prosperity of the Church shall furnish that you are fulfilling the work and will of your Father in Heaven, you shall have your reward. And when your LORD shall come, and call for an account of your Stewardship, great, unspeakable will be the joy which shall fill your hearts as you hear His approving words, "Well done, good and faithful