

of the wicked, his children were brought up in this ungodly society. The deplorable result is seen in the disastrous history of his family. And in numberless instances in this day, similar consequences are seen to the unspeakable grief of pious parents, and the scandal of the church of God. Parents who, for the sake of worldly advantages, place their families in the midst of prevailing ungodliness, and as is too often the case, where they are deprived of the advantages of the faithful preaching of the gospel, and exposed to the constant influence of wicked associates, are endangering the souls of their children in a fearful degree. It is no wonderful thing if they live in sin, become scoffers at sacred things, and pierce with many sorrows the souls of those who have placed them in the midst of strong and constant temptations. There are no promises more explicit than those annexed to the covenant, "I will be a God to thee, and to thy seed after thee." But to secure the blessings, parents must pursue the course of conduct which always points to them, and is calculated to lay hold of them.