

him, before his judgment, as the result of this process, be either formed or expressed—and when, after not a hasty, prejudiced or partial, but a patient, scholar-like consideration of that word which God has magnified above all the other ways of finding out His will, and after comparing one part of it with another, with humble and believing prayer for the Spirit's guidance, the proof of a deep conviction of his proneness to err, he discovers the path concerning which he has the authority and the assurance, "thus saith the Lord—this is the way, walk in it"—such an individual exemplifies to all, how true are the sayings that are written—blessed is the man whose strength is in the Lord—the path of the just is as the shining light, shining more and more unto the perfect day. He is himself blessed, and is made a blessing to others. It is in this way, and this way only, that it is the intention of the Lord that every man should govern himself, not according to his own will, but according to the will of God—the Head, as Supreme Governor of every man, being Christ. Thus let every one often and seriously sit in judgment upon his views and deportment, with constant reference to the Divine word, as the only infallible Test and Rule. This will result in every man's welfare; and who so much interested in a man's welfare, as himself?

Such strict and sifting examination ought also to be made by every family apart. The Divine Creator has implanted certain principles within every individual, which lead necessarily and by Divine authority, to the formation of families. The incorporation of individuals into families is an ordinance of God. And, for the management of families, He has revealed a system of laws; the heads of families being the administrators of these laws, under responsibility to Christ, for the faithful performance of their important trust. He who maketh families like a flock, will honour and prosper those families who, at the call of parents and masters, honour Him; and He will also pour His fury upon the families that call not on His name. Let every family apart then, under its Divinely appointed Rulers, parents and masters, be frequently and with due solemnity searched, by means of the written word, that betimes, children and servants may be taught to know and to walk in the good way of the Lord—to prevent this most important Divine institution from being turned into an association, with its every member under the snare of the Devil, led captive by him at his will. An account of this, the Lord will soon require at parents' hands.

Such examination ought also to be instituted by every Nation apart. The union of many families into a Nation is also by Divine appointment. The Supreme lawgiver has declared it to be His will that communities or nations should be under certain regulations, the general