

Let us come, then, to the Table. Our Lord invites and commands us. He does not tell us how frequently. The Pentecost converts were so full of the Holy Spirit, their love to their Saviour was so warm, that they craved for and could not be satisfied with less than a daily communion with Him at His table. It is not convenient now for the church to commune as often. But if we are living in fellowship with our Lord we shall avail ourselves of every opportunity of coming. We shall not be satisfied with an occasional observance.

IV.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER ?

Careful preparation is required for the performance of any duty; this is specially true of coming to the Lord's Table. It is no common meal. It is a feast at which the Lord of heaven and earth presides. Courtiers are very careful when about to dine with a King to appear in suitable dress. So should "sinners saved by grace" when about to dine with the King of Kings. We are warned against coming in an unworthy manner. "Whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup unworthily shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." These are solemn words and must not be regarded lightly.

The word "unworthily" means improperly, in a manner unsuitable to the meaning of the ordinance. It refers to the manner or disposition of the mind and is a warning against the careless or sinful going to the Table. Unworthy communicating is going from unworthy motives, or in an unsuitable frame of mind, or when living in known sin. Unworthy motives would be.—

1. Going in a careless spirit not desiring to partake of Christ or to show forth His death.