

for the order) those called the clergy and rulers in churches who teach thus? I also ask, in the fear of God, what religious sect or church sends out teachers to fulfil this commission? On the contrary, are not teachers expected rather to promote, the order of the church to which they belong, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, Wesleyan, &c. &c., than to follow the apostles' instructions given in 1 Thess. ii. 13, 14. Some obey as to baptizing, but the remainder of the commission, as exhibited by the church, set in order by the apostles, Acts ii., namely, continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, breaking of bread and in prayers, modified, omitted, or otherwise regulated by the rulers and leaders of the sects, and, as respects the Church of England, such is regulated by Act of the Imperial Parliament, which governs the worship of that church in all the British dominions.

I would remark, that while the breaking of bread is enumerated with no special mark of importance among the duties to be attended to, most of the churches boasting of being alone guided by the word of God, make it the ground of fellowship and membership, and while they will admit persons to join in their worship and fellowship in contributing money, exclude them from breaking bread: thus treading under foot the obedience the apostles rendered, set forth as obligatory, and to be followed to the end of the world. Alas! while the breaking of bread was the dying command of the Saviour, and shows forth his death as the ground of pardon, with few exceptions it is regarded according to the directions of the rulers of the church, and, being thus treated with contempt, is not held forth in view but after numbers depart, or at a meeting when others do not attend, thereby treading under foot the command of the Saviour of showing forth his death as the ground of their pardon. Why are the laws of Christ to be overlooked with impunity in the churches, when no such contempt was permitted to the laws of Moses, as referred to in Heb. x. ? Rev. xxii. 14, has this declaration: "Blessed are they that do his commandments." Such alone are to be counted as members of Christ's body, and, praised be his holy name, all the duties required are within the reach of two or three humble disciples, of ordinary judgment, requiring no extraordinary talents or learning.

Teachers in the churches are required to speak only as the holy oracles of God speak, independent of any human authority, license, or delegated power, their qualification depending upon having been taught, believing, being baptized into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Such have only to keep in view, that all things in the church are to be done *decently, in order, and to edification*, according