

heaven for *godliness*. Godliness is the heavenly science which the doctrine according to godliness teaches. The knowledge of God, and of his will, and of ourselves, are perquisites, absolute and unconditional, in order to godliness. Faith, courage, knowledge, temperance, patience, are imperfect without godliness.

Brethren, a more untiring zeal and a more unequivocal determination to stand perfect and complete in the knowledge and practice of the Master's will, are much wanting to our happiness and to our usefulness. Let us, then, be more decided, zealous, and diligent in the service of our Master in heaven, who, for the joy set before him, endured, and suffered, and practised the whole will of God. This is the way to honor—to happiness—to glory eternal at last. May the spirit of the ancient disciples animate the whole multitude who now profess their faith, and have resolved to follow their example!—*Millennial Harbinger*.

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#### IMPORTANT INQUIRY AND ANSWER.

If you believed yourself specially called by God to preach the gospel to the Birmanians, what would you do?

*Answer*.—I would not ask the leave of any Board of Missions, nor their support; but, confiding in the power and faithfulness of him that called me, I would, without conferring with flesh and blood, depart, and look to Heaven for every provision, protection, and support, by land and sea, necessary for success, and for success when I arrived. If I could not thus act, I could not believe myself called, nor expect success in the undertaking. This, reason requires. But enthusiasm, superstition, or covetousness would prompt one to apply to flesh and blood for patronage and support, and at the same time to profess to be called by God and to rely upon him for protection and success.—*Christian Baptist*.

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When we speak of innovation in the church of Christ, we are not to enquire what was done by our Fathers, but what was the order of the church from the beginning? How did Christ ordain? How did his Apostles conduct? In what state did they leave the churches? Now, it is notorious, that during the first three centuries of the Christian era, communions were held with a frequency, of which, among us, we have neither example nor resemblance. It is also notorious that the original frequency of communion declined as carnality and corruption gained ground: and it is no less notorious that it has been urged as a weighty duty by the best of men and the best of churches in the best of times.—*EXTRACT—Com.*