

Address to the Societies.

DEARLY BELOVED,—We avail ourselves of this medium, to call your attention to, the very important subject of *Family Religion*. A little reflection will serve to convince you, that, from the beginning, Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, deemed the religious culture of children, a subject of first importance, (and infinite wisdom cannot err.) Hence, when He had commanded: "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might: and these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart." It was added: "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up, and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes; and thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." "But teach them to thy sons, and thy sons, sons; specially the day that thou standest before the Lord thy God in Horeb * * * * that they may teach their children." "For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our Fathers, that they should make them known to their Children: that the generations to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who would arise and declare them to their children: that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments: and might not be as their Fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God." In the New Testament we read: "Fathers provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." Ye Fathers provoke not your Children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

And of Abraham, as a father, and a master, this honorable testimony is given by the pen of Inspiration. "I know him that he will command his children, and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment."

After reading the above quotations, we think there can be no doubt upon your minds respecting your duty as parents.

Family worship, is at once your duty, and your privilege: nor can it be neglected with impunity, for it is written, "Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not upon thy name." The absence of, in many instances, the mere semblance of family government, and

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