

*Holiness* is necessary to enable us to escape the miseries of hell, and to win the happiness of heaven. God will render "indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil."—Rom. ii. 8. Now, to escape that misery, we must "follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord".—Heb. xii. 14. Again, it is said, "have your fruit unto holiness, and the end eternal life."—Rom. vi. 22. "Eternal life is the gift of God." He is not obliged to bestow it upon any man; he may make what condition he pleases for the obtaining of it. No man hath any right to it—no man can lay any claim to it, but from this donation of God, and from the performance of these conditions: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."—Rev. xxii. 14. But holiness is necessary from the very nature of the thing; holiness is the very quality and complexion of heaven, and nothing that is impure or unclean can enter there. A wicked person could find no business or employment in heaven, nothing to satisfy his corrupt and depraved affections,