

the morning." But he has a right to do his watching as the night-watchers do theirs, in the glad confidence that it is coming, and not one moment behind time either. All the time he is watching, he can in faith count it his already, deeded over to him in the word of promise, sealed to the child in the ordinance of baptism. He can mingle prayer with heartfelt thanksgiving for the answer which has not yet come, and so his joy and confidence will hallow God's name while he is watching.

Another most precious truth is this: A parent so laying hold of God's promise for his household has the same right to lay hold upon the covenant of grace for them that he has for himself. Does he see sin in his child, sin that perhaps covers his face with shame? He can put in his covenant claim for that child, not only that it shall be forgiven, but *cleansed from all unrighteousness*.

Does he find himself helpless to communicate the knowledge of God to the young souls committed to his care? He can put in his covenant claim that God Himself shall do that, until the