

The Course Prescribed for Believers.

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"Let not this heart envious slumber; but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long. For surely there is an end, and this expectation shall not be of thee for ever."

Here we have a command given of the Holy Spirit through the wisest of men; and therefore both on the divine and on the human side it is most weighty.

I. Oh, for grace to practice what the Spirit of God says with regard to our first point, the prescribed course of the believer—"Be thou in fear of the Lord all the day long!"

II. Oh, for grace to practice what the Spirit of God says with regard to our second point, the prescribed course of the believer—"Be thou in fear of the Lord all the day long!"

III. Oh, for grace to practice what the Spirit of God says with regard to our third point, the prescribed course of the believer—"Be thou in fear of the Lord all the day long!"

IV. Oh, for grace to practice what the Spirit of God says with regard to our fourth point, the prescribed course of the believer—"Be thou in fear of the Lord all the day long!"

V. Oh, for grace to practice what the Spirit of God says with regard to our fifth point, the prescribed course of the believer—"Be thou in fear of the Lord all the day long!"

VI. Oh, for grace to practice what the Spirit of God says with regard to our sixth point, the prescribed course of the believer—"Be thou in fear of the Lord all the day long!"

VII. Oh, for grace to practice what the Spirit of God says with regard to our seventh point, the prescribed course of the believer—"Be thou in fear of the Lord all the day long!"

closed, and you have a little time to yourself. Our young people in shops need a rest and a walk. Is this your case? "Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long."

"One is the more tried because these men are very apt to boast. They crow about the suffering believer, saying, 'What comes of your religion? You are worse off than I am. See how splendidly I get on without God!'"

Let us now remember special occasions. All days are not quite the same. Exceptional events will happen, and these are all included in the day.

It may happen, during the day, that you are assailed by an unusual temptation. Christian men are well armed against common temptations, but such assaults may injure them, therefore, "be in the fear of the Lord all the day long."

It may be that during the day you are man to act in a very difficult business. Common transactions between man and man are easy enough to honest minds; but every now and then a nice point is raised.

I have sketched the matter roughly. Let me now suggest to you excellent reasons for being always in the fear of the Lord. Ought we not to be in the fear of the Lord all day long, since we see us all the day long?

Before the word can travel from my lip to your ear Jesus may be here. While you are in business, on your bed, or in the field, the flaming heavens may proclaim His advent.

Let us practically note the details which are comprised in the exhortation, "Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long."

It has happened to godly men in all ages to see the wicked prosper; and they have been staggered by the sight. You see a man who has no conscience, making money in your trade which you make none.

ness for this very reason, she said, "I have prayed for him and entreated him to think about his soul; but he has come in the faith of the Lord all the day long, and therefore I have made up my mind that I will make him as happy as I can in this life."

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III. We close with the helpful consideration. The text says: "For surely there is an end; and time expectation shall not be cut off."

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Pure in Heart.

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Oh, for the spirit which is content with nothing less nor lower than the highest help! To turn in temptation directly to the power of God; to cry out in sorrow for God's company; to be satisfied in doubt with nothing short of the assurance that God gives; to know that there is no real escape from sin except in being made holy by God's holiness—these are what make a man's complete salvation.

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suppose who have not practised it, one may gain the power to direct his attention toward those cheerful results of his labor which are possible, and to shut out those possible results which are disagreeable, but not necessary.

Again, cheerfulness and freedom from anxious care are necessary conditions of easy and successful work. The mind responds readily to the physical powers; respond more vigorously, the spirits are lighter and more joyous.

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