

of duty. And the more carefully and seriously we “mark, learn, and inwardly digest” them, the more clearly will we be enabled to see our duty; and, therefore, learn to *fear God* as *He* would have us fear Him. The whole of His revelation presents to our view and contemplation, one transcendently beautiful and instructive picture of all that He hath done, to unfold to us His omnipotent and omniscient character,—that He is our “God and King” from everlasting to everlasting.

The very creation of this world which we inhabit; of worlds of which we know but little;—yea, of worlds of which we know nothing;—the creation of our first parents; the once lovely and blissful habitation of Paradise; the vaulted heavens with all their resplendent glories; the whole of earth’s treasures, animate and inanimate; could we analyze and understand with tolerable accuracy, these or even the *simplest* of them, would furnish us with an inexhaustible argument of the power and majesty of Deity, and inspire us to fear Him, honour and obey Him, in our true position as the humblest of His creatures.

But we must pass on to the latter portion of our subject which commands us to *honour the King*; especially as a topic flowing from the former and one most worthy of our reflection on this memorable and propitious anniversary.

II. We have stated that the first duty involves the second; or in other words, that if we *fear God*, we must as a matter of course *honour the King*. Why then proceed now to prove the *latter* portion of our text? A moment’s reflection will show us that the answer is plain and intelligible. We cannot lose sight nor fail to be convinced, of the *fact* that the duty of *fearing*, (or *obeying*) *God*, involves at the same time the duty of *honouring the King, or Queen*; inasmuch as the duty of rendering submission to our earthly Sovereign is one strongly approved of and in fact *commanded and enforced by Almighty God Himself*.

But my Brethren, when we consider the weakness of the human understanding—how *slow* we are to follow a direction, unless it is *again and again* laid down, explained and enforced; then will we see the necessity of establishing each point with the greatest