

modifications of error in every community. Talent, on the side of error, must be met by talent on the side of the truth. When we think of the talent, learning, acuteness, skill and artifice employed by the tractarians of Oxford, to gloss over the grossest errors of Popery, we cannot but think that a conflict is about to commence. The citadel of truth is invaded from every quarter, and it becomes those who keep the commandments of Jesus to be valiant for the truth, and to contend earnestly for the faith. We must firmly adhere to all the doctrines comprised in the christian revelation, the abiding and unwavering faith of which is essentially necessary to the due formation and maintenance of the christian character. "Hold fast the form of sound words." The pure, simple, saving *Gospel*, must be preached by our ministers not in the form of controversy, but of testimony, not to encounter error, "but to seek the profit of many that they may be saved." *We have an important testimony to bear to the ordinances of Christ.* It is ours to sustain the primitive apostolic practice of household *Baptism*, unmixed with the fatal superstitions of baptismal regeneration. We must sustain the sacredness of the *Lord's Supper*, not by the absurdities of transubstantiation, or what cannot be distinguished from it, but by guarding the solemn commemoration of a Saviour's dying love by the restraints of a faithful and scriptural discipline. With a view to this, let us not be unmindful of the words, which were spoken before by the holy Prophets and of the commandments of the Apostles of our Lord and Saviour. It is by attention to the word of truth, and the ordinances as they have been delivered unto us, that error and false religion shall be subverted, and the reign of righteousness and truth shall be established and perpetuated. We must have understanding of these things to know what Israel ought to do.

*Having understanding of the times, we are requested to show the efficacy of our principles in the sanctification of the heart and life.* The religion we profess is intended to exercise a transforming influence upon human passions and conduct. It enjoins precepts which we are required to obey. These *precepts* correspond, in all respects, with the pure and holy character of Jehovah, and which by denouncing every thought and action that is unclean, and by requiring every thought and action to be holy, and just and good, have a tendency and an adaptation to conform man to the divine nature, and prepare him for the enjoyment of the heavenly glory. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world, looking for that blessed hope,