

yourself with this rule! Have ye received with gladness the tidings of salvation, simply by faith in a crucified Redeemer, and, with equal joy, heard of the cross, the self-denial, and holiness of heart and life, by which the believers in Jesus must be known? Is it your delight to meditate in the law of God day and night*—your sweetest pleasure to dwell upon His precepts, and to have respect unto His ways?† Is your real enjoyment found in the company and conversation, the fellowship and doctrine of the Lord's people—of the humblest and most despised, it may be, but still simple and decided followers of the Lamb? And is it your joy above all joys to continue in the breaking of bread, in the public ordinances of religion, and in prayer—pouring out the sighings of a contrite heart—pleading the faithfulness of the promises—and, as accepted children, com-

*Ps. i. 2.

†Ps. cxix. 15.