

REMARKS ON LUKE XXII. 14-34.

How good and precious it is that we have at all times the Lord to look to ; for if our eye had always to be fixed upon self, not only should we not advance, but we should be thoroughly discouraged by the thought of the evil within us.

We confine ourselves to the idea of this evil, and thus deprive ourselves of the strength which can overcome it.

The nature of the flesh and the blindness of man's heart are worthy of remark. What foolish things come between us and God, to hide from us that which we ought to see ! How strangely, too, do the thoughts of the natural heart follow their natural course (even when the Lord is near us), and deprive us of the consciousness of the most striking things, which have a sensible effect around us. We find this presented in the portion before us.

The Lord Jesus was about to accomplish that work which can be compared to no other ; He was on the point of bearing the wrath of God for us poor sinners ; He was in circumstances which ought to have troubled His disciples' hearts. He had just spoken, in the most touching terms, of the passover which He desired to eat once more with them before He suffered ; He had told them, too, that one of them should betray Him. All this ought to have rested on their minds and have filled