

T. Why do you call this world wicked ?

S. Because the Bible calls it so ; for the Apostle John says "the whole world lieth in wickedness."

T. Are the things of the world themselves wicked ?

S. No ; for they are the works of God's hands and must be good.

T. What then causes the wickedness of the world ?

S. Our own corruption, which tempts men to abuse the things of the world, and to seek their happiness and pleasures entirely from them.

T. What are the pomps and vanities of this wicked world ?

S. The pleasures, riches, and honours, of this earthly state, so far as they stand in opposition to the will of God.

T. Are the pomps and vanities of the world confined to the rich and the great ?

S. No ; poor persons, though not in the same way, are in danger too from the pomps and vanities of the world.

T. What is the third thing which you have promised to renounce ?

S. "All the sinful lusts of the flesh."

T. What do you mean by the sinful lusts of the flesh ?