

In order to assist you in this, as it is my duty to do, I will explain to you those things which you are to believe, those means whereby only you can be saved, and those conditions and duties which you must observe: And I will do it, with the Assistance of God; in a manner short, plain and easy to be understood, and followed in practice; for I well know, that being obliged to work hard for your subsistence, you cannot spare much time for study; and therefore cannot read large tracts, nor comprehend deep arguments. Nor does God require so much of you as of such as have time to study and to improve their knowledge and abilities. But tho' God's goodness requires but little from you; yet that little, is not to be neglected because it is but little: On the contrary, the lesser it is, the more you are obliged to answer the obligation. Read therefore what follows with attention; and lay it to heart, to follow it in your lives and behaviour.

I shall divide my matter in three parts. In the first, I will explain to you, those things which you are to believe: In the second, I will set before you your religious duties; and in the third, those of morality, which we may call the duties of a good life.