

fore, the Saints exhorted to keep themselves "in the love of God." This is state of soul again, and it shows that when the Christian profession is stopping, more personal dependence comes in urgently.

Let us delight in dependence—that a person above us should minister to us, and care for us. What should we think of a child with its father and mother, who yet said "I do not like to have anything to do with them"? Should we not say, "these are not the feelings of a child. You may think yourself a fine man in being independent, but you are not like a father's child"?

When the heart gets this according to Ephesians iii., it is so far, very jealous of itself, and in a lowly condition; in a word, it is with God, instead of without Him. I am perfect, I want nothing—that is as to my standing in Christ; but if I look for fellowship, I want God every day and every moment. But if I think of standing; suppose you have paid my debts, and given me a capital besides, I have got the thing, and want you no more for it. So I do not want God to give the place He has put me in before Himself in Christ, but I do want Him for communion; and if I find an evil thought, I go to Him for grace to get rid of it. Do you want to be perfect in Christ before God, and not have a bit of communion? The best robe is on me. With