

Worthy our Attention and Imitation is that Example of King *Jehoshaphat* and his People's uniting their joyful Thanksgivings to God, on an Occasion something similar. The Scripture-Story (*2 Chro. 20.*) informs us, how "on the fourth Day" after a signal Conquest, the King and his People on the Field of Action, "assembled themselves, & blessed the LORD. Then they returned every Man, and *Jehoshaphat* in the Fore-front of them, to go again to *Jerusalem* " with Joy : for the LORD had made them to rejoyce over their Enemies.—And the Fear of God was on all the Kingdoms of those Countries, when they had heard that the LORD had fought against the Enemies of Israel. So the Realm of *Jehoshaphat* was quiet : for his God gave him Rest round about." The Success they had, and their Joy upon it, are ascribed to God, as equally the Author of both. Doubtless, as to the Royal General, and many of his People, it was that Joy which is the Fruit of the Spirit, — a religious Exultation, a " Rejoycing before the Lord", and " triumphing in his Praise". They triumphed and rejoyced over their Enemies ; but still in a Frame and Manner becoming such as saw and owned the Hand of God in their Success, and meant to " give Glory to his Name". This Scripture-Pattern serves to justify the present Festival ; and recommends to our Practice the solemn, but chearful Duties, we are now called together joyntly to perform.

Let us then give ourselves, on this delightful Occasion, to holy Rejoycing, Thanksgiving and Praise. Let us " consider how great Things God hath done for us", particularly respecting the important Conquest, whereof we are glad. Let us realise what abundant Reason we have to admire the Conduct of Divine Providence, relative to this Affair, view'd in its whole State, from its Beginning, through all its Progress, to its happy Termination. We should take Notice of God's Goodness, in putting into the King's Heart such an earnest Care for our Security and Welfare : and in guiding the Counsels of the King's Ministry, to project the best Measures, and to employ the best Agents in executing the wise Plan of Operations. In short, every Instance of good Conduct, and of Resolution, and Fortitude, every Instance of Support and

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