

is hypocrisy," says the blessed Saviour to his disciples, Do not mistake us. We do not mean that you should neglect duty because you do not feel as you could wish you did. No, we wish you to do your duty, but we earnestly desire that you may dread and detest the idea of performing a round of duties with your hearts far from God. May the Lord enable you to put a double guard against this dreadful evil; so that, "with full purpose of heart, you may cleave to the Lord,"

But you may be ready to inquire, and well you may, what shall we do, that we may attain to an habitual communion with God? Dear brethren, on this important point, we feel disposed to offer a few thoughts. The infinite God is an incomprehensible being; but he hath made himself known by the works of creation and providence, but especially by Divine Revelation. All may be read to advantage, but particularly Revelation. In order that we may commune with Deity consistently, something must be known of his being and attributes, and of his salvation; how he can be just, and the justifier of the ungodly; of the form and fashion of the house of the Lord;—the connexion that exists between *faith* and *works*, or the relation between *grace in the heart*, and the *fruits* thereof in the life and conversation, &c. &c.

As God is the most blessed and glorious of all beings, all intellectual creation ought to praise him. The light of nature teaches this truth; but it is Revelation teaches it in perfection. It not only teaches that we should, but how we should, namely, "in spirit and in truth;" that is, by the Spirit of the Lord, according to the Scriptures, which is the same as communing with him. And for your help in this particular, we recommend a stated and habitual waiting upon God in secret, agreeable to the command of our Lord, "enter into thy closet, &c." And never think you have done your duty, unless you commune with God in spirit. O that you may feel as David did when he cried out, "as the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

Likewise, we would recommend to heads of families, to maintain the worship of God in their families; and that,