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know the " lamb of God, who taketh away

Walking is a phrase frequently used in scripture, to represent our journey through life, and appears to comprehend the various affairs and transactions properly relating to our be-

ing in this world.

Christ being the light, dwells always in the light, and if our walking be thus, and in every affair and concern we faithfully follow this divine leader; he preferves from giving just cause for any to quarrel with us; and where this foundation is laid and mutually kept to, by families conversant with each other, the way is open for these comforts in fociety, which our heavenly father intends as a part of our happiness in this world; and then we may experience the goodness, and pleafantness of dwelling together in unity; but where ways of living take place, which tend to oppression, and in the pursuit of wealth, people do that to others which they know would not be acceptable to themselves, either in exercifing an absolute power over them, or otherwise laying on them unequitable burdens; here a fear lest that measure should be meeted to them, which they have measured to others, incites a care to support that by craft and cunning devices which stands not on the firm foundation of righteousness: thus the harmony of society is broken, and from hence commotions and wars do frequently arise in the world.