

How weighty are those instructions of our Redeemer concerning religious duties, when he points out, that they who pray, should be so obedient to the teachings of the Holy Spirit, that humbly confiding in his help, they may say, "Thy name O Father be hallowed! Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:"—In this awful state of mind is felt that worship which stands in doing the will of God, on earth, as it is done in heaven, and keeping the holy Name sacred. To take a holy profession upon us is awful, nor can we keep this holy Name sacred, but by humbly abiding under the cross of Christ. The apostle made a heavy complaint against some who prophaned this holy Name by their manner of living, "tho' you," he says, "the name of God is blasphemed amongst the Gentiles," Rom. ii. 24.

Some of our ancestors through many tribulations were gathered into the state of true worshippers, and had fellowship in that which is pure, and as one was inwardly moved to kneel down in their assemblies, and publicly call on the name of the Lord, those in the harmony of united exercise then present, joined in the prayer; I mention this in order that we of the present age, may look unto the Rock from whence we were hewn, and remember that to unite in worship, is a union in prayer, and that prayer acceptable to the Father is only in a mind truly sanctified, where the sacred name is kept holy, and the heart resigned to do his will on earth as