

WORKS OF WILLIAM TIPTAFT REFI

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Sayings and writings of William Tiptaft, a nineteenth-century English Strict Baptist minister who left the Church of England out of conviction. His works reflect a deep experience of grace and a humble dependence on God's sovereign mercy.

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Sayings of William Tiptaft

Let worldly minds the world pursue,

It has no charms for me;

Once I admired its trifles too,

But grace has set me free!

"I have no stone to cast at the vilest of the vile. It is all of grace that I am made to differ!"

"If rich people only knew when they died--how their relations would scramble for their money, the worms for their bodies, and the devils for their souls--they would not be so anxious to save money!"

"If you were to go about telling people that you had an inheritance worth a million worlds, and yet were out of temper for a trifle--they would not believe you."

"We come into the world crying, we go through it complaining, and go out of it groaning!"

"Deliver us from everything that may entangle our affections and harden our hearts."

"Grant that we may hold the world with a loose hand."

"If I love money more than Christ, woe is me!"

"Grant that we may not sin cheaply."

"Make us more dead to the world, and separate in spirit from it."

"O Lord, keep our hearts, keep our eyes, keep our feet, and keep our tongues."

"Look upon those who mourn in Zion--put their tears into your bottle--listen to their sighs and groans."

"Grant Lord that we may be made right in doctrine, right in experience, and right in practice."

"Lord, teach us more what we are by nature, and what we are by grace."

"Look upon the unworthy worm before you. Let him be as your mouth in separating the precious from the vile. Grant that he may rightly divide the word of truth and rightly divide the hearers. Grant that he may exalt the Savior and lay the sinner low."

"If the way to heaven is so narrow, and so few find it, what will become of those who never seek it?"

"Are you ready to shake hands with death?"

"Have you ever esteemed it a mercy, that you are out of hell?"

"Have you ever stood on the same plot of ground with the publican, crying--God be merciful to me a sinner?"

"Is Christ the one thing needful? Are you willing to pluck out right-eye sins, and cut off right-hand sins?"

"Has your religion cost you anything? If it has cost you nothing, it is worth nothing."

"Have you ever experienced the new birth? If not, dying in your present state--to hell you must go."

"Six feet by two-and-a-half is all the ground that the richest man in England will shortly occupy."

"If not washed in Christ's blood and clothed in his righteousness, no heaven for you, no heaven for me."

"How awful to die out of Christ! How blessed to die in Christ!"

"If I preach to please men, I am not the servant of Christ; and woe unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

"If you have one grain of grace, you must die to know how rich you are."

"Sin is of a defiling nature. You cannot touch pitch and not be defiled."

"Sinning will stop praying; or praying will stop sinning."

"When the Lord finds his rod, his people find their knees."

"Show me a man's books and show me a man's companions--and I will tell you what sort of a man he is."

"Children take more notice of what their parents do, than what they say. Actions speak louder than words."

"We are not going to jump out of Delilah's lap into Abraham's bosom."

"I used to try to reconcile creature comforts and spiritual consolations. We cannot hold the world in one hand and Christ in the other. We cannot serve God and mammon."

"Dead fish go with the stream, living ones against it."

"Real religion is to be severed from the world, to be married to Christ, and to bring forth fruit unto God."

"O what a narrow way is that which leads to life!"

"Better to live in a hovel with a grain of grace, than to live in a palace without it; for what would the palace avail you in a thousand years?"

"Fit or not fit--we must all die, and we know not how soon. As death leaves us, the judgment must find us."

"What sorrow, troubles, and afflictions attend all the followers of the Lamb!"

"The rougher the file--the less the rust."

"No cross, no crown!"

"We need restraining grace, as well as saving grace."

"If you are contented with a sound creed and a little morality in your lives, you are in an awful state. I would not like to die in your state for a thousand worlds."

"If a man preaches free will how pleased men will be; but if he preaches free grace how offended they are. It is the truth which gives offence."

"Take heed and beware of covetousness. The Lord saw the need of doubly warning against that besetting sin."

"If this world with its fading pleasures is so much admired, what must heaven be, which God praises?"

"What a mercy to be made right in doctrine, right in experience, and right in practice!"

"How many who died last century are in hell--who never committed half the sins some of you have!"

"If you had a thousand crowns you should put them all on the head of Christ! And if you had a thousand tongues they should all sing his praise, for he is worthy!"

Tiptaft, William - Treasures from Tiptaft

TREASURES FROM TIPTAFT

(Choice selections from the writings of William Tiptaft, 1803 - 1864)

They influence us more than we can imagine

Pride and covetousness cling very close to us; they influence us more than we can imagine.

They would not be so anxious to save money!

If you were to go about telling people that you had an inheritance worth a million worlds, and yet got upset over a trifle, they would not believe you.

If rich men only knew when they died, how . . . their relatives would scramble for their money, the worms for their bodies, and the devil for their souls, they would not be so anxious to save money!

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I am a very dull scholar in Christ's school

What trials, afflictions, and sorrows are required to separate us from the world!

How hard, carnal, and selfish does a man become, who has nothing to soften him!

We need daily crosses and daily trials to keep us in any way alive to eternal things, and to maintain a spirit of prayer and watchfulness.

I trust I can say that my sickness has proved profitable to me; but I am a very dull scholar

in Christ's school, and need line upon line and precept upon precept.

I have to lament a heart full of wickedness, vanity, and folly.

I feel a strong inclination to avoid every cross. But I am sure, nevertheless, that crosses are daily needful.

How we cleave to the world!

What pride, vanity, flesh-pleasing, and worldly conformity are manifest in us!

"Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey Your word." Psa 119:67

His children began to hiss!

Since I last wrote, I have preached in Abingdon Great Church, on Christmas evening. I preached the truth, I trust, to a very crowded congregation, supposed to be (sitting and standing, who were able to get in) about 5,000 people. I pleased the believers; but very much

displeased the carnally-minded, who were never before so puzzled and confounded in all their lives! I spoke the truth faithfully, and so as all could hear; but I had no idea that the gospel would have given so much offence! It is the truth that offends and disturbs Satan's kingdom! The neighboring clergymen, who are in darkness, say of me, "Away with such a fellow from the earth; it is not fit that he should live!"

My mind is not moved by the persecution. I believe if God has a work for me to do, I shall do it, in spite of the devil and all his children!

Nature is not changed, the gospel is not changed, and Christ is not changed. What reason is there why they should not hate the truth now, as much as in the time of the apostles? I never saw any fruits of my labors until I roused and disturbed the 'roaring lion'. When, through the grace of God, I began to disturb his kingdom, I soon found that his children began to hiss!

The world and Satan hate believers. The Pharisees hate me the most. I cut off all their rotten props, and all their fleshly devotion!

It is not coming near to the truth, it is not the 'mere letter' of the gospel, that will convert men; but the Holy Spirit.

Make the Word of God your study. Pin your faith to no man's views! I scarcely read any other book.

Beware of those who want to exalt man in any manner.

The world is a great enemy!

"And this world is fading away, along with everything it craves." 1Jn 2:17

What is this world, and all things in it, if a man does not have God for his friend?

All things around us remind us that we are nothing better than grass, and are like a fleeting shadow. And if we are void of saving grace, awful is our state, whether we feel it so or not. But we find that the Lord must make us view things in their true colors. And if He

favors us with a few breathings after the 'heavenly manna', it will stop us from so earnestly seeking that 'bread which perishes'.

The world is a great enemy! It contains so many snares and baits so suitable to our carnal appetite! We are surrounded with everything that is trying to fasten our hearts to earthly things. And if we were to have no crosses, and no enjoyment and comfort in spiritual things, we would be endeavoring, still more than we are, to find our happiness in earthly things.

A tender conscience and godly fear in the heart, are great mercies. And if the Lord does bless our souls with a sense of His pardoning love, it is a wonderful favor. For we know our vileness sufficiently to be sure that there is no hope for us but through His rich, unmerited love and mercy. It is a very narrow path, and the Lord must guide and direct us in it.

They are ready to knock him on the head!

If the Bible is true, the only good investment is giving money to the poor. That is safe; it is money put out on the best security, as being lent to the Lord. And what a good thing it is to make a good use of money, while so many spend nearly all they have on their selfish desires, fancies, and lusts!

We all love the world more than we think!

"Spare yourself!" is written very deeply in our hearts.

We love the poor children of God less than we think; for deeds, not words, come closest to the heart.

It is easier to preach than to practice.

What a dreadful thing it is to have the curse of a covetous heart! "The love of money is the root of all evil," and sticks to one's heart like the flesh to the skin!

If any one at all despises money, the devil and the world are in such a fight with him, that they are ready to knock him on the head, and will abuse him for being a fool, or a madman!

Beset with many difficulties

The way to heaven is narrow, and beset with many difficulties, and we, at times, are almost sorry that we ever ventured out, especially when we keep continually meeting with the lions in the way!

But nothing so much checks and stops us as vile self! It cleaves to everything on the way, and wants so often to turn us out of the way.

Also, the ear is not deaf to the alluring and enticing invitation of Demas to look into the silver mine! Blessed are they who are only allowed to look in. For, alas! how many glaring professors and speedy travelers to Zion, who have been brave companions on the way for a time, have stopped short at that mine, and never could be seen beyond it!

Our hearts are very closely knit with everything that the world loves and admires. David said, "My soul cleaves to the dust;" and so do all God's children say it now, at times, if they know the plague of their own hearts.

A rod that I needed

I find this sickness profitable to my soul.

It has, I trust, meekened and humbled my spirit, and I have been brought down to lie passive in the Lord's hands. I deserve many such, and much more severe, chastisements for my daily sins and iniquities; and it is through God's mercy that I am spared to write to you.

I feel this sickness to be a rod that I needed.

If we escaped such trials, we would wander farther from God after idols and the vain delights of our wicked hearts.

This sickness has made me feel and think more of poor people who cannot get comforts and even necessities in their daily ailments, while I have abundance. But gratitude must come from God.

My opinions seem to differ from other people's, and they cannot make out what kind of man I am.

What debtors we are to grace!

It is a very narrow way to heaven, and none can be rightly in the path except by God's grace. Nor can they keep there, except by grace. What debtors we are to grace!

God has been a kind and good God to me, in various ways, for more than sixty-one years. How little gratitude for such great blessings in upholding, keeping and preserving us to the present moment!

If we know that it is a mercy to be out of hell, we have no room for boasting. What a precious Savior Christ is to those who really need Him!

Hard lessons to learn!

"God knows best!" and "May Your will be done!" are hard lessons to learn!

The more we taste of the pleasures of sin

How we find that there are two principles within us continually at war, and how they ever wrestle for mastery! But whatever suits and pleases the flesh will surely make the soul lean, and bring on deadness and barrenness.

The more we taste of the pleasures of sin, the more we get blinded and intoxicated by them, and the more anxious to enjoy them in this time-state, whether we go to heaven or not.

Right hands and right eyes are dear to us, and self-denial is a continual cross.

When we are tried, tempted, and harassed, we want ease and comfort. Yet we daily learn that without ballast we should not sail in any way safely on the seas of temptation. We need chastisements, rods, and crosses, to bring us to a throne of grace; and we need a daily sense of our vileness and our sins to constrain us to fly to the only true refuge for poor helpless sinners, who is a Friend in need and a Brother born for adversity.

A great mercy

As long as we live in this world we shall find that our hearts again and again cleave to the dust.

All things here, however, are very uncertain and unsatisfactory. It is a great mercy when we can use the world as strangers and pilgrims.

God will cleanse His people from their idols.

"I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols." Eze 36:25

God will cleanse His people from their idols.

He will give them those things that they hate, and take from them those things that they love, and hedge up their ways, and confound their worldly schemes and wisdom, until they wonder what He intends to do next.

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To separate us from worldly things

There is nothing worth living for in this vain world.

Vanity is stamped upon all created good.

All dealings with the world are of a deadening nature; therefore, whatever unnecessarily brings us into contact with the world should be avoided.

"No man can serve two masters." That great truth is a continual cross to many.

"O wretched man that I am!" says the great apostle. And so says every child of God who knows the plague of his own heart. We need stripes, scourges, rods, and afflictions, besides various other crosses to separate us from worldly things. Our souls so very much cleave to the dust.

The soul is in its best state

The soul is in its best state when most humbled. Lowliness of mind and contrition of spirit are the best evidences of the effects of grace wrought in the soul. The promises are nearly all for . . .the humble, the lowly, the broken-hearted, the tempted, the tempest-tossed, the devil-harassed, the afflicted children of God. For the Lord will revive the humble and the contrite. He will give grace to the lowly, and feed the hungry with good things.

That inestimable sacrifice!

Jesus made that inestimable sacrifice--not of gold, nor silver, but of His own precious blood--to redeem selfish, carnal, ungodly, and hell-deserving sinners! Moreover, He has bestowed upon them more than we can ever ask or think! Glory and honor be to His adorable name!

The gay and foolish multitude

It is of God's grace if we differ from the gay and foolish multitude around us.

He will slay his idols

Real religion will find its way to the heart, and its effect will be manifest in the life.

The Spirit's work is so little understood in the present day. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to convince of sin, to break the heart, and to plough up the fallow ground.

When the Lord has taken a poor sinner in hand He will never leave him, but will surely purge

away his dross and tin. He will slay his idols, and tear him from those things he so much loves. He will not be aware how many idols he has, until God shows him in a measure the deceitfulness of his heart.

The more God's children are taught spiritually, the greater fools do they become in their own eyes; and the more they know of their own wicked and vile state by nature, the more are they astonished that God should show mercy to such poor worms of the earth.

True religion

What a mockery is a mere profession of religion which costs a man nothing!

There is no more true religion than what is felt, known, and experienced in the soul.

The cross which gathers so very fast

God's children need much humbling and stripping; and frequently a 'furnace', to take away the cross which gathers so very fast.

"I have refined you but not in the way silver is refined. Rather, I have refined you in the furnace of suffering." Isa 48:10

Making children Pharisees and hypocrites

"I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3

It seems very cutting to parents when I warn them against making children Pharisees and hypocrites. But the truth is cutting to flesh and blood, for it is sharper than any two-edged sword. We strongly oppose what the professing world calls true religion. Much of the religion of the present day, is nothing but the work of Satan. It is very near and dear to the flesh, and the lost feel very loath to give it up; as unwilling as the Jews were to leave their religion for Christ.

The whole work of salvation is Christ's, and Christ's alone.

Dunces!

Vital godliness is but little known in the present day.

When we are led to have a view of the Cross, how very different does everything appear!

We are like dunces, for it takes us many years to learn such a truth.

If we are Christ's ministers

Before a man can preach the spirit of the gospel, his life and conduct must be according to it; and most gospel preachers fall short in this respect. It is the cross we are inclined to shun. But we shall bear it, if we are Christ's ministers, and then our walk will be quite contrary to the world.

Take my advice

We can spend everything upon that vile monster, self! But when we are called on to give anything for Christ, we hold our money back. A day of reckoning will come for all this. Christ will say, "Give an account of your stewardship!"

Pray for me that the Lord may open my covetous and selfish heart, and cause me to give freely for His sake; for "there is one who scatters, and yet increases."

If we spent as much every year for Christ as we do to feed our pride, our light would shine more than it does.

Take my advice and have as little to do with the world as you can help.

How very little we really need in this life!

When the Lord opens your eyes wider

When the Lord opens your eyes wider, you will see how much worldly-mindedness there is, in one shape or other, among the professors around you. "If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

A day will soon arrive when it will be made known how much we have spent in the gratification of our own lusts; and how little for Christ. When He lived in this world 'self', was out of the question.

True knowledge of Christ alone will avail; they must be taught of God what riches they have in Christ, to make them despise the world and all its wealth and honors.

People who want to get rich

The way to heaven is strait and narrow, and Satan is an unwearied adversary, in disputing every inch of the way. You will be much despised and cast out for Christ's sake, and nothing will offend more than separating yourself as much as possible from carnal people. It is 'the life' which condemns the professing world.

When the world sees you unmoved by the riches and the pleasures which it so much adores; when you are led by the Spirit "to count all things but rubbish for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ"; you must expect then to bear reproaches from the Hagar race!

There is but very little true religion anywhere. It is a very narrow way to heaven, and if we enter in, it will be entirely by the grace of God.

It is very plain that the world is too much in the hearts of Christians, and Satan covers over covetousness under the name of prudence. How Christians compare themselves one with another, instead of with the word of God. But God has a people, whom He will separate from the world.

I am not heaping up treasures upon earth for moth and rust to corrupt. I feel thankful to the Lord I am so provided with every comfort in this world. I hope that He will teach me self-denial, that I may more liberally assist the poor and afflicted brethren who lack even the necessities of life. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

As a Christian, your mind will be much more easy the less you have to do with the world. Having food and clothing, be content therewith. Riches and cares choke the seed, and keep you from communion with God. "People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction." 1Ti 6:9

Your kingdom is not of this world.

If I love my money more than Christ, woe is me!

Up-hill work

It is up-hill work to contend against. . .the world, the flesh, and the devil.

A little plain food and plain clothing

A little plain food and plain clothing are quite good enough for our vile bodies.

"After all, we didn't bring anything with us when we came into the world, and we certainly cannot carry anything with us when we die. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction." 1Ti 6:7-9

He is not a Christian

He is not a Christian who differs only in 'sentiment' from the world, but in 'practice'.

A daily cross

"If anyone would be My follower, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me." Luk 9:23

The power of godliness is but little known.

There is a daily cross, and you must bear it, or there will be no crown.

"And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple." Luk 14:27

Satan's most subtle device

Satan is a very subtle enemy, and never spreads his snare in your sight. I hope you will not be induced to value any knowledge which does not cause you to love Christ more, and to live more decidedly as a member of His kingdom.

Satan does not care how much knowledge you have in your head, so long as he can keep possession of the citadel of your heart. Consequently, he will change his position a thousand times, before he will surrender his hold. But God's grace must and will dethrone him, and set up the kingdom of Christ in your heart, so that you will serve a new Master, and for very different wages.

All that Satan can tempt us with, are perishable things of time, that will soon vanish away. But though we profess to despise the riches and honors of this life, none but those who are taught of God will view them in their proper light.

Satan is the god of this world, and he blinds the minds of those who do not believe. If one device will not succeed, he will try another; and every unregenerate man will be led captive by him, in some way or other.

Many may think they have outwitted him by a knowledge of gospel truths in the head, while their heart is devoid of grace. I feel this is Satan's most subtle device.

It matters little what a man knows, if Christ is not the pearl of great price to him.

Is Jesus Christ precious to you?

Do you love Him so that you would die for Him?

Do you count all you lose for His sake gain?

Christ's great enemy!

The world, in its various shapes, is Christ's great enemy!

It was good for me to be afflicted

"Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word." Psa 119:67

"It was good for me to be afflicted, so that I might learn your decrees." Psa 119:71

The children of God almost always flourish more in trials and difficulties, than in the sunshine of health and prosperity.

"I know, O Lord, that your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness You have afflicted me." Psa 119:75

He is a fool!

"No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also."

John 15:20

You will not be persecuted for holding gospel truths in the head; but for having grace in your heart; for the former will not cause you to differ from the world.

When the fruits of the Spirit manifest themselves in your life; when you are blind to your own interest in this world; when you are deaf to the advice of the worldly-wise, then it will be said of you, "He is a changed man; he is a fool!"

Now, my dear brother, be assured of this, as God works in your dark soul, such changes as these will be caused; so that instead of panting after the riches of this world, you will pant after the unsearchable riches of Christ!

'Human nature' cannot and will not make great sacrifices; but as you have a knowledge given to you by the Spirit of the exceeding great and precious promises laid up in Christ for God's chosen few, you will be led to see the nothingness and vanity of all things here below, and you will with joy cry out, "We have a kingdom which cannot be moved!"

God, by His Spirit, quickens, and He alone can enable you to separate from your old companions and the world, and so make great sacrifices for Christ's sake, who has died that you might live; who became poor that you through His poverty might be made rich!

Fading away!

What is this vain world?

"And this world is fading away, along with everything it craves. But if you do the will of God, you will live forever." 1Jn 2:17

It is only by the Spirit's teaching

As a child of God, you are not of the world, but are chosen out of it. You are only a stranger and a pilgrim here.

You will meet with many professing to love the true doctrines of the gospel; but, alas! they at

doctrines carnally and not spiritually, which will only make them proud and licentious.

You cannot convince the natural man.

I come off with a good share of abuse as a fool, a madman, a deceiver. But Paul says, "As deceivers, and yet true."

We could as soon make a new world as begin a spiritual work in our souls. It is this doctrine that lays man so low in the dust.

"The preaching of the Cross is to those who perish foolishness." If what I preach is not foolishness to the natural man, know assuredly that I preach not the gospel. It troubles exceedingly the Pharisees; they are very unwilling to cast away their false idols.

Your zeal must be in the strength of the Lord.

You will find much opposition, both within and without, against a spiritual work; but if it is the Lord's work, it will surely be carried on.

Knowledge does not profit, unless it is given by God the Holy Spirit. "The kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." All knowledge avails but little, if there is not a knowledge of Christ Jesus. It is not receiving the gospel in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Spirit, which saves.

Do not imagine that a mere knowledge of the plan of salvation is salvation.

You will find it difficult to give up your own religion.

It is an inestimable blessing to be taught the value of God's word, so as to prize it, and to give much time to reading and meditating upon it. Let no one deceive you with vain words, and cause you to think, because you understand the plan of salvation, that you are sure of eternal glory. To receive the gospel in word is one thing, but to receive it with power, and the Holy Spirit, and much assurance is another.

Remember, Satan has millions of devices, of which a young convert knows but little.

All knowledge without the knowledge of Jesus will avail nothing. You are a poor dark, miserable, bewildered, deluded creature, if you know not Christ Jesus.

Seeing yourself lost and helpless will lead you to pray to God frequently and fervently to keep you from falling. You will feel troubled and distressed at your cold and lukewarm state, and be grieved that covetousness, pride, and diverse lusts are waging such strong war against your soul. But do not forget that we are soldiers, and have a continual warfare.

Some have a clear knowledge of the doctrines, but are evidently void of grace.

The power of godliness is but little known. Satan is well pleased with the state of religion in our day, or he would roar a little more loudly.

We are too much liked by the world, and too well spoken of. It would not be so, if we lived godly in Christ Jesus. God forbid that we should rest in a form of godliness.

"Sell that you have, and give to the poor" is a harder lesson to learn than election.

The least work of grace in the heart is worth a thousand worlds!

I am daily a debtor to sovereign grace. We need holding up in all our goings out and comings in.

There is nothing worth living for in this vain world. Vanity is stamped upon all created good.

May the Lord break down your self-will and free-will, and make you a humble man; for if the dross be taken away from the silver, there comes forth a vessel for the refiner. It is a painful process to pass through the furnace; but the best religion is bought the dearest, and what we get cheap we do not much value.

It is a great mercy that we are out of hell.

All things here below seem opposed to the spiritual kingdom in the heart. Pride, lust, selfishness, unbelief, and strong love of self, with the powerful influence of the devil, seem to tread down and destroy everything in the soul which strives for and searches after eternal things. "When I would do good, evil is present with me." So going to heaven is a continual conflict, a daily cross, and a climbing of mountains, which difficulties often make the poor sinner wish himself back in Egypt, that there was no heaven, and that he had never gone forth as a pilgrim. He wonders where the scene will end, and is afraid of that text which says, "He who endures unto the end shall be saved."

Prosperity in worldly things will dampen the desire of eternal things.

I find that nothing but true religion will satisfy me.

I know myself to be a vile sinner, and Jesus Christ as a precious Savior.

On what minute points do the most important matters sometimes hang, and how good it is to see in them the hand of God, who numbers the very hairs of our head, and without whom, not a sparrow can fall to the ground!

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Much covetousness lurks in our evil nature. From the prophet to the priest they all went after it in former days; and as it was then, so it is now.

The cross is not to be escaped, if we are to enter into glory.

Deliver us from everything that may entangle our affections, and harden our hearts.

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If we are brought to consider what Christ sacrificed for us, and how little we sacrifice for Him, we might blush!

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