

Memorial of the 23rd But this thing commended I then
saying Obedience and Justice and Equity. I shall
be my self. — Man was formed by his Creator for con-
templation, high powers and capacities for his Reason were
conferred on him and No soon formed he was immediately
advised to view the vast universe opened to his view and
an art misth State of mind he at first professed when those
new presented objects on all their original glory were in-
vaded to his view for some time his power of mind was
raised to wonder love and praise to the almighty agent
But when exact reason and Judgment were called for the
Excess New wonders arose undecanted before and we
feel disposed to say that had his Innocence remained
New scenes would have developed themselves to him
by which his mental powers would have been carried forward
with fresh ardor towards that almighty being whose
glory he aimed forth to surpass only great before his view
a leading object calculated to engage all his mental
powers was the boundary line that separated the vegetable
from the animal parts of his works and than to make

The line that separates the animal from the rational
and in the rational department to mark between what
is rational and what is irrational was the highest step
of advancement in the scale of creation & views of man
might be taken in what was natural & what was super-
natural it included that image of confusion on him
when we trace by the help of divine revelation contemplated
that glorious man in all that you days his face confers
on him we can't avoid saying Oh how is the mighty
fallen the state changed from the penance of Innocence
and now to the greatest degree of degradation. How much
our admiration rises to think that Independent being
should after all this condescend to utter these remark-
able words it compass one text; Obey my voice and
I will be your God and ye shall be my people. more con-
firmed in these words than was conferred on that high
dignified creature Adam when he stood before his face
in his original righteousness and his face beamed
with great pleasure and delight. Last Lords day when

our way was opened to contest and the doct^r holds out
to us stated our work as to show you where and how close
God made his ^{best} will known to his accountable creatures
the elements made and the practical improvement due
engage all our time; I shall once more place before you
the doct^r still under description do show those persons who
hear the joyful call, and whose hearts feel disposed to obey
this call have some assurance given them that God will be
their God and they shall be his peculiar people

1st head I am to address the Evidences we are furnished with
and all I know who sayings are to be believed and obeyed because
they are just genuine ^{of} infallible

2nd head I show you where Gods voice may be heard with safety
and comfort by the sinful creature - and when those
heads are illustrated we shall bring our discourse to ^{an} ending
with some practical improvement

3rd head the Evidences on which we rest with confidence of all
I know who sayings are just genuine and infallible. and before
we introduce our Evidences we have a preliminary Objection
to state and open before you

can I preliminary obsⁿ is to mark the necessity of faith in
God without this we can never please nor worship him truly
to wit to God must believe on his heart and confess with his
mouth that there is God and that this God is all he has said
himself to be faith it has been said by some is no more
than the assent of the understanding to some proposition pro-
posed to the creature, but we do not say if its only assent
is in the understanding no its Gods gift to man and its
seed is the whole soul it assents to truth in the understand-
ing and the last duty of the understanding gives
influence to the heart or the will and when the Intellectual
sees and says is true the heart embraces as God Nero
was required from the i^o Adam to know exactly that
word? God gave unto him and he believed truth and
useful life to himself and when it was done he was
found aptly but when ever his faith became
inward then doubt that ended in denying all
God and assent to all that he accused
and brought his curse and of his posterity and
we say that every unconvinced man is destitute of faith

hence the words are said to be as it were that is with
out fault from some the heart is said to be on head of
unbelief departing from the living God
our & preliminary is to marry them on the one part
without a foundation to rest on and whenever this great
affault is implanted as it is on the head of a new great
we that great must have some secure found^{to} be rest on
the these among men and between men and men there
are words uttered but to secure the sound^{ly} answers to and
& these are to be read and opened unto one to remove
all doubts on either side there is a peculiar mark or
seal set to these words and these are that at least as of record
to be all of the agreements near the name of the person
looks at the words which are written and read and sealed
and not refused and on if he read with confidence and care
has been done by the almighty his words have been heard
and reported to us by all the holy prophets and apostles
and sealed and all the men of angels witness
and more we have the oath of the almighty his words
that subject new the figure of faith sets ultimately on

The veracity and faithfulness of Jehovah is undeniable from
Indeed here he says obey my voice and do as I say and
I shall be your God. Let the necessity of divine faith in God be also
The necessity of a faithful foundation to rest on Abraham found in true
found and he says and rest but was wrong in faith
I am now to lead you on to contemplate the evidences which
are furnished with our faith rests in safety and confidence
The 1. Force is the Majesty of his sayings as heard when it
words of a King is thus power and there is a majestic greatness
on the sayings of the almighty and if majestic greatness has
such an influence on the mind that on times of the greatest try
the words of some say in the particular case of Job bereft of
every good and loaded with every evil it brought down to
the dust and saw no reason for him or that by the majesty
and greatness of God's secret will was condescended on
who would die trusting on the almighty; and say without
awful try it befell the Hebrew young men in Babylon
whom the royal edict said to every man at the time
you hear all the instruments of Music sound in praise
before that they were so cut off by a command of God

They saw a new and not a blood un daunted in the
hands of the Guard took hold of them and cast them into
a burning furnace yet with this fast faith in they met the
awful flames below they would be Gods salvation and
they died so to the confusion of all the Idolaters and to the
own satisfaction in the case of Christ Joseph & kept
in his integrity only one Evidence they and Gods redeemed
or 2nd Evidence we are furnished with, that the revelⁿ of his
will we have in our hands is sufficient to the harmony
of all the parts of that revelⁿ deed have not as usual be done
Sunday sayings in the old and New Testaments and
have not as usual to Destroy this harmony but on Vain
There is a great harmony between all the Types Shadows
and prophecies and the glorious substance opened in the new
in the person of Jesus and alone merit of Jesus this harmony
is not a harmony of the parts but of every harmonious in
all the holy scriptures of Gods Nature and will and
it harmonious in the best and advancement of them and
nature and the whole Jews on that harmony a Jews hatred
called the Jews an made to be taken away and to

come to receive the holy law to all its original glory
all Gods holy providences do must harmonize with his
wisdom and with his promise unto us might I sum
up this harmony in the old testament you have the found
source of the new creation in the person and mediation of Jesus
in the new we have the building added to do by test
mony and the old testament prophets explained the
old and new testament words have delightfully shined
in ^{the} evidence we have to see us in the truth of heavens
joy and to obey there is the Holiness of his sayings
obey my voice God is naturally and necessarily holy as much
so as he is God but what is Gods holiness see say its ^{to} infinite
purity and goodness of being and will in the perfect necessarily
in act if he loves himself and hates what ever is in
contrary to that holiness if appears to great and can keep
in the moral Law it was a transcript of Gods holy
Nature and will, and if appeared in all its brightness
in the incarnation of it on earth and like its holiness
purity and glory appeared in the death of Jesus
Injuncted any thing on an Injuncted out in his holiness

and all his ordinances lead to holiness and purity in heart
and life hence he sayeth, wholly for I am so and we read it
said blessed are the pure in heart they shall see God and it
said we shall see him as he is in all his holiness in act.
A 2^d Excellence our we read it safely and confidence in the truth
of his revealed will as just, for ever, and inflexible; as its universality
and its eternality it reach to the Thrones of Emperors Kings
and Princes and requires righteousness in them and an inflexible
obedience to purity and justice which are all that is carried
on the walls of the 1st City in Europe but dead Lumben they
have been making and mending for more of a 1000 years
had and that has perfectly done to it day but for Law is
revelation is perfect in all its facts its a perfect entire things
to States even of every degree to leaders to taught to husband
to wives to masters to servants to the Sto and to the young and
it requires justice and righteousness from all it needs no remedy
its right to every generation and to every condition nor
does it celestial Lamp grow dim by age or life bright by
but every word is fulfilled daily from its sacred original

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a 5. Evidence I address our own eyes at confidence and
hear and obey the due me to have in the know and value have
and I fear it has in and over the whole person and faculties
of the moment as the those Evidence I have mentioned belong
to his voice in its objective sense viewed but the one I have
named relates to its subjective influence on the heart its ef-
fect by its directness is poured on believing God and the Lord
do by this Medium the Intellectual powers are enabled to
contemplate their evidence and therefore as they love
it by these words they are enabled to taste the sweet taste of
Intimacy with the Almighty its by this the comfort his
words are sweeter than honey to the heart the delectable
ness of its Counsel and its Comforts are even as noble and
the salutary Effects they do produce is liberty life joy
and peace in believing its a red and a life to the fulgurances
to man animals and it is a new factory shade under it
they may be sheltered in our storm and sit down and
take the fruits of the tree of life and live for ever

The 6th and last Evidence of the Sufficiency of this Case or the
excitation he has made of himself to us is derived from
the extraordinary Interpositions of Almighty power in pres-
erving this sacred ^{Scripture} and Intire in the hand of the Jews at
every moment is placed the old testament and they are faith-
full Guardians about it and the old and new are
in our hands of us Injure one least on the old they are
ready to smite us and oppose these arts and if they
do wrong us are at hand to correct them and no sooner
was the Cannon completed but the wrath of the said Princes
was kindled at this Book and was set to destroy it
but God preserved it and so a may he word was buried
as men by silver of gold in a Cribble and when the dark
ages of unbelief came it was hid up in the papers
How many good Saints would have sold their
Souls to purchase a few leaves of this Book and at
the age of reformation New Editions have been printed
and now it is in progress like the Natural Sun to
illuminate all the moral world

we have now to take up the Summ of the Evidence w^{ch}
we are furnished wth on w^{ch} we may rest wth safety and satis-
faction that the evit^{ns} we have is Just firm & Infeleble
we said the solidity we said harmony we said balance
w^{ch} do witness at Evidence w^{ch} and constant reliability we
we said the inward Efficacy it has over the heart of man
and we said the acts of divine Grace w^{ch} it produces
Grew all from the smallite of J^hne what is the great object
we are bound to divert unto and be obedient unto in
all evit^{ns} and we say its of one leading object if eu have
announced to you at the Baptisme of our Lord by J^hne
at Jordan a voice from a Luminous Cloud did utter
Immediately these words this is my beloved Son in
whom all w^{ch} please d^h has his abode and to whom
these the Son of the Father will that he believe on him
the Father hath sent to take away Sin and to bring
in Everlasting Righteousness



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