THE MORNING WATCHES AND NIGHT WATCHES. NEW YORK, 1874

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649652167

The Morning Watches and Night Watches. New York, 1874 by J. R. Macduff

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

J. R. MACDUFF

THE MORNING WATCHES AND NIGHT WATCHES. NEW YORK, 1874



THE

MORNING WATCHES

AND

NIGHT WATCHES.

BY THE

REV. J. R. MACDUFF, D. D. 1818-1825

ACTROR OF "THE MIND AND WORDS OF SUCUE," "FAITHERS.

PROMISES," "FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL," "BOW IN
THE OLOUD," "PAMPLY PRIVERS," ETC.

NEW YORK:
ROBERT CARTER & BROTHERS,
No. 580 BROADWAY.
1874.

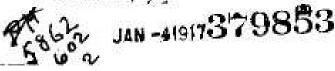
Che Morning Wutches.

This little volume is designed to form, by the Divine blessing, an humble auxiliary in promoting, what is pronounced in the best of all manuals of devotion to be "a good thing,"—the shewing forth of God's "loving-kindness in the morning," and His "faithfulness every night." (Pa. xcii. 2.)

It may not be out of place to remark, regarding the verse which forms the key-note to each potition—"O Lord, in the meraling will I direct my prayer unto Thee"—that the word "direct," in the original Hobraw, may literally be rendered, "set in order." It refers to the setting in order of the wood for the burnt-sacrifices in the temple of old. While the heart of the heliever, according to this beautiful allusion, is represented as a spiritual alter, on which, morning after morning, he offers the oblation of prayer, this motto-verse may also serve as a magnet to keep the eye fixed, in each successive petition, on the great Antitypical Sacrifice, through whom alone it is that "the words of our mouth and the meditation of our hearts" are "acceptable" in the sight of God.

Though more strictly designed for private devotion, and therefore expressed in the first person, it is hoped, by the substitution of the plural pronoun, that the following pages may not be inappropriate for the family altar.

December 25, 1851.



RECAP)

Law Monatters.

"O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee."

⁴⁴ For Thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great."—Ps. xxv. 11.

Thou hast permitted me to lie down in sleep, and to awake this morning in safety. Thou hast dispersed the darkness of another night: may no shadow of sin obscure the sunshine of thy favour and love. May the returning light of day be to me the type and emblem of that better radiance with which thou visitest the souls of Thy people, when they are enabled, in Jesus, to behold a pardoning God seated on a throne of reconciliation and grace.

I come to Thee, acknowledging my transgressions in all their heinousness. I have nothing to plead in extenuation. Warnings have been abused, providences slighted, grace resisted, Thy Spirit grieved. It is of the Lord's mercies I am not consumed—that Thou hast not long ere now consigned me, with all this load of unpardoned guilt, to that place where pardon is unknown.

But I do rejoice to know that "there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared"-that I can bring my great sin to a great Saviour. I be enabled to feel that this all-glorious name of a reconciled God in Christ is "a strong tower," into which I may "run, and be safe." Give me grace, in self-renouncing lowliness, to disown every other ground of confidence or hope of mercy, and to cast myself, a broken-hearted, humbled penitent, at the feet of Him on whom was laid the burden of all my transgressions. mine henceforth be the blessedness of those whose "iniquities are forgiven. and whose sins are covered." life's joys be sweetened, and life's sorrows sanctified, and life's terminating hour gladdened, with the assurance, "I am at peace with my God." May Thy favour brighten every scene, and the sweet sense of thy reconciling love be interfused with all my occupations. If sorrow should cloud or darken, may I be brought to feel that there can be no true sorrow or disquietude to the soul which has found its rest in the finished work of Jesus, and which has attained that blessed peace here which is the prelude of glory hereafter.

Give me grace to walk more closely with Thee in the time to come. Being forgiven much, may I love Thee all the more. May my life be one habitual effort of self and sin crucifixion, seeking to consecrate my soul's best energies to Him who is willing to "blot out as a thick cloud" all my transgressions. Overrule the discipline of Thy providence for promoting within me this death of sin, and this life of rightcousness. Amid earth's manifold disquie-

tudes, its crosses and its losses, enable me with joy to look forward to that blessed hour when there shall be no more sin, and therefore no more sorrow—when every tear shall be wiped from every eye, and when I shall be permitted to know all that is comprehended in the holy beatitude, how "blessed" indeed are "the pure in heart," who are to "see God."

Direct, control, suggest, this day, all my designs and thoughts and actions, that every power of my body, and every faculty of my mind may unite in devotedness to Thy sole service and glory. And all I ask is for Jesus' sake. Amen.

^{*} CARRY AND TO HEAR THY LOYES AND THURS IN THE MORNING, NOW IN THESE TO I TRUST."

8-1

20 Моккича.

O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unt) Thee."

"Create in me a clean boart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."—Ps. It. 10.

for Renewal Mercifully preserved me uf Beart. during the unconscious hours of slumber, I desire to dedicate my waking moments and thoughts to Thee. Do Thou pre-occupy my mind with hallowed and heavenly things. May I be enabled throughout this day, by the help of Thy Holy Spirit, to exclude all that is vain and frivolous and sinful, and to have my affections centred on Thee, as my best portion and chiefest joy. As Thy Spirit of old did brood over the face of the waters, may that same blessed Spirit descend in all the plenitude of His heavenly graces, that the gloom of a deeper moral chaos may be dispersed, and that mine may be the beauty and happiness and glad-