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ally, would I exhort you to pray with, and for your children, and instruct them in the knowledge of eternal truth, at home and in the Sabbath School. Not from the consideration that the Jews were circumcised, nor from that of vows made at the shrine of the Man of sin, do I thus exhort you, but from the consideration that they are *yours* by a Divine constitution, and because the Spirit has *expressly* commanded you to "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Let us not suppose that we are exempted from the obligation to engage in the conflict with surrounding corruption, because we have been buried with Christ by baptism, after the command and example of the Redeemer, in preference to following the rudiments of this world, and the traditions of men. No! so long as error is rife in the land, so long as the sophistry of the schools is brought into requisition to blunt the edge of the word of God, and while the mists of Babylon are wafted upon the breeze of popularity, and being spread over the fair face of Christianity, obscuring the glories of the Sun of righteousness, we must be "valiant for the truth in the earth," contending earnestly, for the faith once delivered to the saints, and for the ordinances, un-mutilated and unpolluted by the touch of man, as conveyed to us through the pure word of Divine testimony.

For the author of the "Lectures" to which I reply, I have no other feelings than those of respect and kindness.

No considerations, however, can justify the palliation of error, nor apologize for lack of zeal or courage in the maintenance of the "truth as it is in Jesus."

To contribute something towards the victories which Christ will achieve over the kingdom of darkness, these pages were prepared, and are now presented to you in token of my affectionate regard for your welfare, accompanied with my fervent prayer, that in the cause of our Master you may prove "faithful even unto death."

Respectfully, your Pastor,

SAMUEL WILLIAMS.

Perrisburgh, May 1st, 1841.

PREFACE

TO THE SECOND EDITION.



No alteration is made in this edition, of the Reply, except, that the typographical errors have been corrected. Its positions remaining impregnable, and having proved a valuable aid to a number of inquirers after duty, it is again issued from the press, to share in the struggle of truth against error, and gain additional victories through the power of the arm that wields it. To Him it is commended, whose honor, as Lawgiver in Zion, it vindicates and whose ordinance it aims to restore to primitive purity, in firm faith that His word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish His pleasure, and prosper in the thing wherunto He hath sent it.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS.

Princeton, Feb. 15th, 1863.

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TO
LECTURES ON CHRISTIAN BAPTISM.

“In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men,” is a caution, applied by the Saviour, to those who, under religious pretensions, practiced the inventions of men, to the neglect of the ordinances of God; and thereby renounced the Divine government, and nullified the institutions of the gospel. To this declaration of Jesus Christ, and to the greater part of the connecting paragraph, I shall frequently recur in the course of the following strictures.

I here premise, that with almost the whole of the first lecture I most cordially agree. With mingled emotions of joy and regret, I make the above statement, considering, as I do, its connection with others, which tarnish the beauty of its sentiments; and destroy, as I think, the sacred ordinance that conveys emblematically the glorious truths therein enumerated. I rejoice, that the worthy author in his first lecture, so skillfully erects the superstructure of salvation on the “sure foundation” of sovereign mercy in Christ