

3. There is developed a closeness between us and the Lord that is the closeness of family.

B. Observations

1. In no sense do we need to be ashamed of our corporality or feel severely impaired by it.
2. There is no need for us to have a distrust of the body-functions or emotions.
3. There is, however, a great need for us to keep it in the proper subjection to the will (i.e. the Word) of God.
4. And in the latter capacity we may well follow the general thrust of Romans 7 and 1 Cor. 9 to see that the mastery of life is not in the material or corporeal realm but in the spirit.
5. And finally, there is a bona fide sense in which--by looking to Jesus--we are able to enjoy the privilege of thinking and acting after the pattern of the Son of God. This is possible to us since He .."became a man and dwelt among us."