

to make a good impression in the eyes of the ungodly world, or to be tied on to human things, to be attached to a building, to a denomination, to a n organization to a group of people, to some earthly thing that we forget that we are strangers and pilgrims on a wilderness journey and we use what there is along the way and we help what there is all we can but we don't want to get tied to it too much. of something to let it become in any way ~~something~~ that holds our attachment to great an extent. Jesus said, that the man who follows Him should hate his father and his mother and his brother. Now of course that is using strong ~~1/2/~~ language. He did not mean hate in the sense of doing evil to them, or any thing like that because are commanded in the Scripture to love those who are ~~connected~~ ^{connected} with us and to honor them and do for them, but He said if we do not hate them in the sense that our love for Him is so much greater that our interest in them would be like hate in comparriseon. we cannot truly be His disciples. And people allow these things along the way ^{on} in the pilgrimage journey to become an obsession with them, a thing that becomes so great, so important to have that they get their eyes off the Lord. And this can be true of good things just as well as of evil things.

At the end of the last century, or during the 19th century when modernism had not really ^{begun} ~~become~~ spread in the Eng. clergy and when the effects of the great Methodist revival of the previous century had affected all the denominations in England, and there was very little actual outspoken unbelief, there was many English leaders who wrote, some of them wrote very fine books on the Bible things, but some of the many of them did their Christian work as a thing to be done at certain times, certain schedule. This was done, and then when it was finished they devoted~~d~~ themselves to raising the most beautiful flowers in the whole continent, or to making the greatest advances in some particular line of thought or activity that was not directly related to their actual service for the Lord. Now these things were good. They did many fine things -- the Eng. clergy did in these different lines. but I fear in many cases it ~~did~~ came to assume a primary place in their lives, and contributed to opening the way for the onrush for modernism there because ~~the~~ people were not putting the primar y