

The heart. 1st Sam. XVI. 7.

Its importance and use as a body organ. - The fountain of physical life. If diseased, the whole body is diseased. When it ceases to act, death ensues. Used in ss. to signify, the mind - understanding - affections.

(It was in David's heart to build a house). - See. 2nd Cor. 34. 10, & 34. 1. - ye men of understanding ^{man's} heart.

1. Its natural conditions -

Jer. 17. 19. The heart deceitful is.

Gen. 6. 5. Every imagination is evil.

Mat. XI. 18. Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts. murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

2. The character of a man depends on the heart.

Mat. 12. 34. Out of the treasure of the heart, the good man brings forth the good.

If the heart be evil, the character must be evil.

Hence in gen^l there is none that doeth good.

3. Of the greatest importance to have this heart right with God.

Out of it are the issues of life.

This implies that the Natural heart must undergo a change.

This doctrine taught in ss. prof^{ly}

My son give me thy heart.

(Prov. 23. 26.) Let thine eyes decree my words.

The strong heart removed. Ez. 11. 19

The preparation of the heart see

Prov. 16. 1. +

The heart changed by the H.S.

The seed implanted.

4. In God's good providence some are placed in more & some in less favorable positions in this world.

1. Cor. 4. 7. Who maketh them to differ from another, & what hast thou that thou hast not received.

God calls to some & says -

My son give me thy heart. (Prov. 23. 26)

Keep thy heart with all diligence. Prov. 13. 23.

5. Man has the will to choose & will to refuse.

What shall we say?

When God says unto my face -

Shall we refuse. (Ps. 27. 8) Shall we give heart of our heart. To do this will I take delight.

God invites. Shall we decline.

Come & your soul shall live.

6. How are we to act.

We are to keep our hearts.

By God's assistance.

a. From bad example & evil influences.

b. In the way of truth & right. God's word the guide.

c. With all diligence.

care: - To sin easily. To serve God hard.

For what.

For each one's own good

& good of others.
out of abundance of heart. { good ends
{ bad ends.

c, Because, The character in
this life, & condition in the
world to come depend on it.

7. Prayer especially availing.

Ps. C XLI.

Lord I cry unto thee.

Set a watch O Lord before
my mouth. Keep the door
of my lips. —

Incline not my heart
to any evil, to practise
wicked works with men —

Let me not eat of their delicacies.

Our earnest prayer should be
that when God looketh on our
hearts he should find them
all right.