

The protection of heaven is that for which in no circumstances we should cease to pray. It is on the former that all human industry turns—for what is the object of industry but to realize certain antecedents on which certain consequents might be expected to follow? It is on the latter that our devotion turns—and so labour supersedes not prayer, prayer supersedes not labour. They have always been the most influential men in the Church of Christ who like the apostle united both these—that is, the utmost diligence as if man did all, and the utmost dependence as if God did all.

35. Let us only remark in conclusion, that we shall find this principle to be of pervading importance in Theology. It runs in fact along that whole line of speculation, where lie the innumerable questions which respect the limits of the divine and the human agency, and so is of mighty interest both in the Dogmatic and the Moral or Practical Theology. The speculation may be difficult to adjust—but the practice or the habit is invaluable—of him who can both look intelligently around upon all that is visible, and look piously upward unto God.

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## CHAPTER IV.

### *On the Defects and the Uses of Natural Theology.*

1. NATURAL Theology in the hands of some of its expounders has not had justice done to it; and this has aggravated the views of many respecting