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I think I should not attempt
more than Prime, Sext., & Com-
pline.

And those shortened, using only
one Psalm at each.

I am afraid of yokes, & even
of scruples, & weariness.

I wish I had sent something at
Easter: but it was not that I
lacked the will. I did not
know what you needed: and
I am slow to begin, I hope
not slow to answer so far as

I can. If I ever knew your
wishes or wants I should be
encouraged to do my best.

But I wish you both a better
Master. Every year, every day
shows me how poor and
worthless I am - blind and
useless.

I am thankful to know that
I hope I shall go on till
He has mercy on me, as he has
Himself done. If I know my
self then is my choice &

heart desire. Nothing in life
has much hold on me but this.
That He may keep you, &
fill you with His Peace, & love
is my daily prayer. To him
I commend you with all my
heart.

Thoughts to be said over slowly, in
times of distraction and dejection.

1. God made me in His own image.
2. He gave me an intelligence to know Him a heart to love Him, a will to serve Him.
3. To Know, love, & Serve Him is holiness.
4. Holiness is ~~Belief~~ Union with God.
5. Union with God is Belief.
6. Not to Know, love & serve Him is unholiness.
7. Unholiness is separation from God.
8. Separation from God is misery.
9. Every thought, word, & deed tends either to unite us with God or to separate us from Him.
10. This is clear when they are mani-

festly holy or unholy.

11. And it is equally certain if not equally clear, even of indifferent thoughts around, as men speak "For every idle word a".
12. They cover the love of the heart, make it unheavenly, unspiritual, earthly, and therefore distant from God, & indisposed to dwell with Him.
13. What a turn is thought & speech & what an account must be given for it. It changes the whole soul.
14. I feel now that unguarded listening, careless or unreel words, long trains of useless, worldly, trifling, self-pleasing thoughts have warped

my mind from the Promise, & Image of God: & given to it a ~~long~~ & a direction which is not of God.

15. Even a holy Angel if he were to linger on his way, as I have done, would be in peril: how much more I who am full of inclination and predisposition to forget God.
16. How will the Spirit of Holiness dwell in a heart empty of God, crowded with the world, & self: how can I be united with God having a soul estranged from Him, with its face turned another way?

17. "God is in their place."

Read Dan: VII. q. 10.

or, Rev XX. 11. 12.

or Rev. 1v. 1 - 5.

18. "My Lord, & my God": loves me.

Read. S. Luke viii. 37. 38. n.

S. John. xx. 11 - 16.

19. "Thou knowest that I love Thee".

Read Rev. 11. 4.

and

Hosea XIV.

20. Say the two Prayers.

"Our Father who art in Heaven.

"I bid thee Christ-

A Lamb of God,

or

Our Father,

"Into thy hands I commend my Spirit."