

10. This 'knowledge of the Lord'—this learning which pertains to 'spiritual things'—is held to be useful only as the scholars in the christian school increasingly practice the precepts of the Great Prince.

11. We teach the believers in joyful hope, that as Christ once came and brought to us the blessings of the present salvation, so will he come again and bring with him for the benefit of the faithful the blissfulness and unwasting fulness of the eternal salvation.

12. That Christ our Saviour is now to be enjoyed by hearing him, by believing in him, by affection to him, and by a watchful and ready obedience to him in all things embraced in his existing covenant of favor, waiting in patient yet happy hope of the more excellent salvation to be 'revealed in the last time' at the opening of the new dispensation when our Lord and Redeemer shall disclose to the charmed vision of his people superior chapters of his loveliness and glory—chapters that we are not at present able to read or appreciate.

Here, then, friend 'Expositor,' you have a rude and brief draft of the gospel panorama approved in this latitude; examine it, if you please, and see how it accords with the old patterns and colors certified as genuine by the master workmen who heard and saw and imitated and worked under the Lord. For once, dear sir, will you not allow a sweet shade to be put over the left side of your prophetic eye long enough to behold the things already clearly revealed and most solemnly and affectionately pressed upon us by the Lord of All for our active and constant practice? When the coming dispensation comes, can we not all engage in the things of it and participate in the joys of it, provided we unitedly acknowledge and devoutly submit to the pleasing duties of the existing dispensation? Who were blessed at the Lord's first appearance among men? Was it not those who, in faithfulness, were giving practical attention to the requirements announced and enforced in the then existing covenant?

For argument's sake, then, let it be granted that you, friend 'Expositor,' are correct in the use of the word "kingdom"—that it refers only and solely to the future government of Christ; and for peace' sake let us strike the term "kingdom" out of our religious vocabulary, only as it refers to what is yet to be revealed;—with these branches of the Olive tree, one in each hand, let the queries be put, Do we or shall we preach the same things to sinners?—do we or shall we teach the same things to saints? Have you, Mr. Prophetic Expositor, by faith and the