

speculations of a "vain philosophy," nor the visions of a heated imagination, but from the sure word of God. We have the prospect of the universal triumph of vital religion. In the prophetic parts of Scripture the future glory of the kingdom of Christ is displayed by the most beautiful imagery which nature can supply. "Enlarge the place of thy tents, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation; spare not, lengthen thy cords, strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Thus saith the Lord God, behold I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. And Kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and Queens thy nursing mothers. Thy people shall be all righteous. The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. As surely as I live saith the Lord, the whole earth shall be filled with my glory. None shall say unto his neighbour, know thou the Lord, for all shall know me from the least to the greatest. The seventh Angel sounded and there were great voices in Heaven, saying, The kingdoms of the world are become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever." Our expectations then of the universal triumph of the religion of the Cross, do not rest on doubtful revelations, but on the sure word of the Eternal. The palaces and thrones of Kings may crumble into the dust, and the proudest monuments of earthly grandeur sink into decay, "but the word of the Lord shall not fail." The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world.

We have the prospect of a visible union of all the true people of God. "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice, with the voice together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion." We are assured that among all the inhabitants of the world shall be liberty and peace. "They shall beat their swords into plough shares, and their spears into pruning hooks: Nation shall not lift up sword against Nation, neither shall they learn war any more. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; but thou shalt call thy walls salvation, and thy gates praise."

And now, dear Brethren, permit us to ask, are these things so, or are they not? Is the last command of Christ still sounding in the ears of the Ministers and Churches of the present generation? Is it indeed true that there are at the present time more than six hundred millions who have not heard of redeeming mercy through the atoning sacrifice of the Son of God? Are all these immortal beings? Are they candidates for an eternity of happiness or misery? Is the cross of Christ the only remedy for the miseries of the gall, the only scriptural grounds of a sinner's hope? How then shall they look to him for salvation in whom they have not believed? "And how

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