

2. *Of the Angels.* The Angels were created by God² to glorify him,³ and obey his commandments.⁴ Those who have kept their first estate⁵ he employs in administering blessings to the heirs of salvation,⁶ and in executing his judgments upon the world.⁷

3. *Of Man.* God created man, consisting of a corporeal body, and a thinking, rational soul.⁸ He was made in the similitude of God to glorify his Maker.⁹

SECTION II.—PRIMITIVE STATE OF MAN, AND HIS FALL.

Our first parents, in their original state of probation, were perfectly righteous,¹⁰ but in consequence of the first transgression, the nature of their descendants is so unholy, that none by virtue of any natural goodness can become the holy children of God;¹¹ but they are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto holiness through the operation of the

2. Col., i, 16: "For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible."

3. Rev., vii, 11: "And all the angels stood round about, and fell before the throne on their faces and worshipped God."

4. Ps., ciii, 20: "Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that do his commandments."

5. Jude, 6: "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains, under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

6. Heb., i, 14: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." Dan., vi, 22.

7. 2 Sam., xxiv, 16: "The angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it." Rev., xvi, 1.

8. Gen., ii, 7: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Mat., ii, 11.

9. Gen., i, 27: "So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him." 1 Cor., xi, 7: "Man—is the image and glory of God."

10. Eccl., vii, 29: "God hath made man upright." Gen., i, 27: "God created man in his own image." Eph., iv, 24. Col., iii, 10.

11. Ps., li, 5: "Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." Job, xiv, 4; xv, 14. John, iii, 6. Ps., lviii, 3. Gen., viii, 21. Rom., v, 12-19. Eccl., vii, 20. Prov., xxii, 15. Isa., xlviii, 8. Rom., viii, 7. Gen., vi, 5. Jer., xvii, 9. Rom., iiii, 9-23; viii, 8. John, vi, 44: "No man can come unto me except the Father, which hath sent me, draw him." 1 Cor., ii, 14: "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them." John, xv, 5. Eph., ii, 3, 9. 2 Tim., i, 9.