

The Christ of God is Himself sitting on the Father's throne ; the church on earth is waiting for the Lord's descent and the shout ; the departed ones who are with Christ are waiting ; creation is waiting in hope for the manifestation of the sons of God ; Israel is waiting to be gathered from the four corners of the earth at the second coming of the Messiah, Jesus-Jehovah ; the Gentiles wait for the appearing of the Root of Jesse, for Him that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, for Him in whom the Gentiles shall trust. It belongs to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ to begin this new history of "manifestation of *all* in glory," by the "rising up" of Christ in heaven, where He now sits on the right hand of the throne of God. The expectation of the redeemed waits upon the Lord to come forth, and put into manifestation in the heavens, and upon the earth, the hidden counsels of the Father and the Son, as to the body and Bride of the Lamb, which were from everlasting, and to substantiate the promises, with their covenants to the fathers, of permanent peace and blessing on this earth.

The moral power of such revelations as these, and especially when connected in the soul with the revolutions and judgments of God, which make room for their establishment in the heavens and upon the earth, is formative of the life and character and walk of the "man in Christ" *now*.

He has new ideas and other objects, which attach him to another order of things, of which the glorified "Son of man" is the Head and Centre. He has other principles of action, which are supplied from "this knowledge of God," and find their strength and joy in "this fellowship with Christ ;" and, practically, he is separated from this present evil world—his "citizenship is in heaven."