

*"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. Because seeing they see not and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand."*

The twelve disciples were sent to *"the lost sheep of the house of Israel."* As a reward for what they would be called upon to suffer in the cause of their master, when He came into His kingdom, those who had followed Him in the regeneration were to sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Each member of the different tribes of Israel was possessed of a certain group of faculties predominantly active, this determined his position in relation to the tribe of which he was to form a part. The position of each tribe in the city was determined by the mental development of the individuals composing it.

Varieties in mental development existed in the twelve disciples, as in the members composing the twelve tribes. In each of the disciples this development determined his position in relation to the tribe over which he was to preside, as there is in each individual a group of faculties predominantly active which will determine his relative position as a member of one or other of the different tribes in the New Jerusalem.

In some of the disciples the predominantly active faculties did not extend beyond those on the lower mental plane. John xiv., 8, 9. In others it embraced the whole circle of the twelve groups. To *Peter* were given the keys to the kingdom of heaven, symbolical of