

sion which may help us to form some intelligent idea on this subject. "To the intent that *now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places* might be known *by the Church* the manifold wisdom of God, according to the *eternal purpose which He hath purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" Here you perceive that the redeemed Church is to be the eternal manifestation and unfolding, to the heavenly host, of the wisdom of the Divine purposes in the redemption of man by Jesus Christ.

I have spoken of the shock to the angels caused by the introduction of sin into the creation. Reasoning from what we know of man, is it too much to say that the permission of evil was a subject unfathomable even to angel's minds, and if this is true of the introduction of sin, what shall we say of the recovery of man by the incarnation and death of the Son of God? Remember the angels witnessed the downfall of their companions unfulfilled by the appointment of a redeemer, therefore, when they saw Heaven empty itself for the redemption of man, is it too much to affirm that it was matter of wonder and amazement—had depths and heights they could neither fathom nor scale. But when "the fulness of the dispensation of times shall come," when they shall behold the outcome of the mediatorial scheme in the glorified church; when they look back upon

the methods, and look around them at the results they will be overwhelmed alike at the wisdom and the love of God.

The multitudes of redeemed men are represented in Scripture as "crying with a loud voice, saying, Salvation unto our God which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb." The angels are represented as witnessed of this and moved at the sight in response they cry "Amen; blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." Taking these Scriptures as the basis are we not warranted in affirming that the chief employment of heaven will consist in the study of the Divine character as exhibited in redeemed sinners.

Thus the redemption of man by Christ secures the highest destiny of the creature, the love and adoration of the Creator. "Unto the praise of the glory of His grace" is to be the final outcome of the mediatorship of Christ. The ultimate aim of human redemption is to tune the lips of angels and sanctified men to the praise of God,—to fill every heart with love, and make the universe echo with hallelujahs to Him who died on the tree. May we be ready to participate in the joy of that triumphant hour, by a hearty acceptance of the benefits of Christ's mediatorial work. Amen.

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