

tinged with infidelity, and will probably be guilty of setting up some one as the rival of God. Moses and Aaron acted for God, by his immediate delegation; but those who were dissatisfied at the state of things murmured against the ministers. They said to Moses, why hast thou brought us out of Egypt, when they all knew that God alone accomplished it; and that he alone could have done it. Their sin is therefore declared to have been against God. Saul of Tarsus persecuted the church, yet Christ said "why persecutest thou me." Thus it is in all ages. The agents are always struck at, but evidently the act has a higher destiny. And in this case, the opposition will probably be directed against the agents of Christ. The argument most likely will be, ye take too much upon yourselves; ye are lordly and dominant; ye oppress the people who are as holy as yourselves. They went up on the *breadth of the earth*. They will widely and diffusively attack the church. Most likely means will be adopted to effect a wide spread agitation. The madness of such an attempt is truly astonishing. To think of opposition when there were such evident tokens of the Divine presence and glory. But we have a previous instance of a rebellion of Israel, even at the foot of mount Sinai, where God had given signal displays of his power and glory.

What kind of a contest this will be, whether literal and physical, or a wicked and captious contradiction and contravention of the peaceable endurance of God's people, would be hard now to say. But this we may say, *the attempt will be fruitless*. God