

the twelve unto Him, and said : Ye know that the Princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them ; but it shall not be so among you ; but whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant ; even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Let us observe in such scenes as these the mind of Christ ; let us not pass over this instance without confessing, that our Lord carried out in his own example and daily practice the precept he had previously given, "Blessed are the Peace Makers, for they shall be called the Children of God." But our chief concern is to consider the meaning of our Lord in his reply to the request of the sons of Zebedee, "To sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father." If you turn to the verse in your Bible you will see that the words "*it shall be given to them,*" are printed in a different type from the rest of the passage, this shews that the words have been inserted by our translators, and that they are not in the original Greek. It is to be regretted that these words have been put in, they are not only not necessary, but they have the effect of altering the meaning. The passage is perfectly intelligible without the addition, "To sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give but to them for whom it has been prepared by my Father." My brethren, these words plainly declare that heaven is not to be promiscuously thrown open ; they imply that future happiness in the world to come can only be given to a certain class, and that our Lord himself can bestow it on no others but those for whom it has been prepared. I wish you to weigh