

ordination of these officers, Paul says, "I write these things hoping to come to thee shortly; but if I tarry long, that thou mightest know how thou oughtest to conduct thyself in the house of God (which is the congregation of the living God,) a pillar and a support of the truth." 1 Tim. 3: 14, 15. Had Paul been in Ephesus he would have selected and ordained the officers himself, but being absent he wrote to an Evangelist, directing him how to proceed in such cases. This is also observable in Titus; "For this cause I left thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things which are wanting, and ordain Elders in every city, as I prescribed to thee." Tit. 1: 5.

It is evident, then, that, marshaling their forces for the conquest of the nations, the Apostles were furnished with subalterns, who put the congregations in order, and furnished them with superintendents and ministers for the better regulation of each church, respectively. Thus matters were arranged in "the kingdom of the heavens." I say in *the kingdom*—for in the primitive times there was no *democracy* of heaven. Indeed, there is no *democracy* in heaven, nor of heaven. Democracy is all human, and nought divine. A democracy is "A form of government in which the *sovereign power is lodged in the body of the people*." In a democracy the people elect, from among themselves, their officers, both legislative and executive. They enact and repeal, just as they please. Not so in the kingdom of heaven. There is not a democrat among all the heavenly messengers—there was not a democrat in the "kingdom of heaven." All of the innumerable company of angels—the general assembly, and congregation of the first born, are monarchists. They will not tolerate even a *royal* democrat; and, therefore, they hold that Jesus is a King of kings, and a Governor of governors.

Everything in this primitive community, which is democratic, is regarded as "will worship," concerning which, our King once said to some Jewish democrats, "In vain do you worship me, teaching for doctrine *the commandments of men*." Democracy, in religion, is treason against God. It is the sepulchre of rottenness from which have arisen all the poisonous exhalations which have contributed to the universal epidemic which now prevails through all christendom. It is this "sovereign power" in human beings which has produced every ordinance, institution, and religious ceremony not found in the Holy Writings. It has made every office not provided for in the statutes of our King, and