

uent elements of the community—of the nation—and then you effect genuine reformation, which will result in the establishment of pure and righteous government and the enactment of humane and wholesome laws.

This is the true method of dealing with the lapsed, vicious, poverty-stricken masses, as well as with wrong-doers of high social standing who oppress the hireling in his wages and selfishly try to grasp all things for themselves. Bring them personally under the regenerating and formative forces of Christ's kingdom and they will then, and not till then, recognize the true relations between God and man, and their place and duty in the social compact.

And just here it is necessary to ask, what, in brief, are these relations? They have been expressed by the comprehensive terms, The Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man. But we need to note the precise sense in which these general terms are employed.

Some use the term Fatherhood to denote all the relations of God to man, and to all men, good and bad alike. But this view is manifestly contrary to Scripture. God is the Creator and universal Ruler as well as Father, and fatherhood as well as creatorship necessarily implies dominion. It is not conceivable that God should bring into existence beings not amenable to His own jurisdiction. And we know that this jurisdiction is varied according to the nature of the creatures governed. In the inorganic universe it consists in the exercise of direct efficiency—the forth-putting of omnipotence in the form of molecular or molar attraction, the laws of light, heat, electricity, and so forth.

Then again, as we ascend from the inorganic to the domain of life and rationality, the jurisdiction is exercised by appeals to reason and conscience, by the enactment of laws and the presentation of motives in the form of rewards and penalties that influence the conduct of creatures capable of discerning between right and wrong. In this sense God is the Judge, the Moral Governor and King of all men.

We cannot dispense with these titles or substitute for them