

tures, and his Creator. Still the institutions of Masonry, however good and excellent in themselves, were merely human or social. And Human Laws, however they may be calculated to the general good of Society, yet it is Religion alone, that secures the end of it—Hence we find that Masonry derives its chief and best Doctrines from that great store-house of Divine Wisdom, the Old and New Testament.—It is there we find the state of Mankind, whether Civil or Religious, illustrated and enforced by the best precepts. In them we find drawn the Tabernacle of God, and that great Prototype of the Craft, the Temple of Solomon. There we find the Righteous and all Merciful Scheme of Salvation, the Spiritual House of God; of which Christ our Savior, is the chief Corner Stone. And upon this valuable Stone we may securely trust, and build. Here David may find sure footing;—Here Moses may rest his heavy hands till Israel prevail;—Here Jacob may repose safely in his Solitude, and behold the Ladder that reaches to the Gates of Heaven;—Trust but here, and the very Gates of Hell shall lose their prevailing power.—Moreover, the delight of Christ is to be with the Sons of Men, and to grow with them into one frame and constitution—What shall we say then of those Builders who reject this Stone from their Religious Edifice? Hear what the Evangelist says, “Who so falleth on this Stone shall be broken, but on whomsoever