# THE KINGDOM OF GOD,

## THE TARES AND THE WHEAT.

MATTHEW, CHAPTER XIII.

37.—"He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man.

38.—"The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one.

39.—"The enemy that sowed them is the devil: the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40.—"As the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world.

41.—"The Son of Man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity.

42.—"And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43.—"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

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I made the following statement in my sermon on the "Tares and the Wheat," (preached on the 2nd July, 1866,) "Now I would first give you the generally received opinion of this parable. Our Lord speaks in it of the Visible Church, or, under the title of Kingdom of God. It is in fact a definition of the visible church of the Christ in all its aspects and relations." This is (usual) doctrine. He asserts that the Kingdom and the Church are totally distinct. To prove this assertion, he quotes certain texts which he applies to the Church visible, or in plain words, to the Plymouth Brethren. His application of the majority of these texts I totally disclaim. The united testimony of most Christian bodies CLAIMS them to the mystical body of Christ, the spiritual and invisible Church, composed of the dead in Christ, who have died to sin, and have been buried with Him in baptism, and have been born again of water and the Holy Ghost, and have got to be born whose life will be hid with Christ in God.

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