

It sent him adrift. He broke loose from God and all goodness, and became an outcast, a wanderer, an alien. At first he enjoyed daily visits from God ; those visits became less frequent. A violation of this law of love brought disobedience, woe, and sorrow in all the walks and ways of man. He lost his orbit, broke the threefold cord that drew him to the centre of happiness, and thus he began his terrible departure. Heaven appeared every day to be farther and farther from earth, and yet visits from God and Holy Angels were kept up for a while. It seems as if they could not break away from the new made world, over whose birth the "morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy." But as the tide of wrong arose, and the voice of cruelty and of crime, of ambition and avarice, rang out in the solitudes, those visits became still less frequent, and it was only to the saintly seer that God spoke in symbol, or in dream, or in vision ; and showed himself in burning bush, or smitten rock, or cloudy pillar, or fiery mount. By means of holy men of old, communication was kept up until in the fulness of time, Immanuel came, and the spirit was given to "draw all men unto him," and restore to man his lost allegiance.

Moses and Elijah lived for God and to him, and they were greatly honored by him ; the decree of God then, as now, was, "them that honor me, I will honor ; and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." Between those two illustrious ones there was a strong historic resemblance ; one was a renowned lawgiver, the other a fearless restorer of the law. Their early years were marked by special manifestations of God's providence at once grand and mysterious. Both Moses and Elijah visited that ever memorable Mount Sinai, shook by incessant thunders, and