

"The law and the prophets were until John, since then the kingdom of God is preached and every man presseth *into* it." Luke xvi. 16.

g. More elements of this kingdom were developed when Paul wrote to the Colossians, "who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son." Col. i. 13.

But still more elements will be developed ready for organic work when disciples are made to enter by tribulation, Acts xiv. 22, 23; when disciples as co-workers labor to enter, Col. iv. 7-11; and when they cultivate and add the christian graces in order to an abundant entrance. II Peter i. 4-11.

These scriptures but treat of this same kingdom: in purpose by the Deity from the foundation of the world, in developement along the ages, and organic when the Master returns with the holy angels to sit upon the throne of his glory and call the faithful ones to inherit.

In these covenants which God has made with Abraham and David, together with the declaration relative to his purposes in the creation of man, is involved all that God proposes *to* man, and *for* man, *now*, and *forever*. In these is involved,

a. The landed inheritance—and all the locality as an inheritance God has ever promised to any one—all the land of Canaan; the meek shall inherit the earth—and dwell therein forever.

b. In these is involved the subjugation of the earth—the curse removed—the new earth of the scriptures.

c. In these is involved the restoration of Israel and the kingdom.

d. In these is involved the resurrection from the dead, an assurance of which to all men God hath given in that he hath raised up Jesus from the dead. Acts xvii. 31. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, all the faithful ones now sleep. For them to enjoy the inheritance they must be raised up.

e. In these is involved incorruption, as nothing else will enable the worthy ones to live in possession of the inheritance forever.

f. In these is involved the blessing of the nations and the kindreds and the families of the earth. Therefore, a universal brotherhood in the anointed, through the instrumentality of the anointed upon the throne, to order it henceforth and eternally—Amen, and Amen. The will of the Lord, as in heaven, so on earth is then done.

To fail to know these things is to fail to know the gospel. To fail to believe these things is to fail, therefore, to believe the gospel. And to fail to obey the commands connected with these things is, therefore, to fail to obey the gospel.

But of one more point in this covenant with David we must not lose sight.

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FOR PEACE—The Coptic Patriarch in Cairo is about to send a mission to the king and clergy of Abyssinia with the object of preventing war with the Italians.