

pomp and presumption. Now he beheld the Great King, the universal sovereign before whom all the princes of the earth are but as grasshoppers. "I saw also the Lord, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple." Above him, on expanded pinions, floated the seraphims, from whose lips burst forth the ascription, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory." At their cry, the foundations of the temple rocked, the house was filled with the smoke of the Shekinah; and, in his awe, the prophet cried, "Woe is me, for I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Then one of the seraphims, having in his hand a live coal, which he had taken from the altar, flew to him, and laid it upon his mouth, saying, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." Such was Isaiah's vision; nor was it wholly singular, for, although it may not be accompanied by such glorious accessories, the vision of God is essential to every soul.

We are imprisoned in the realm of the senses. If you look about you, and consider what are the thoughts of men, their plans, their purposes, you will begin to realize what a small sphere is open to humanity. There goes the average man between his place of abode and the scene of his daily occupation! The calm blue sky is over him, but clouds of passion hide it from his spirit. There