

God has promised in his word, and that obeys his will.— And consequently that the Jew and the Christian are members of the same household of faith, heirs of the same inheritance, members of the same church of God.

Sixth. As the members of the Jewish church sustained the same character, so they had the same employment as the christian church: that of worshipping the same God. A good man—Thomas Scott—on his dying bed, used to say, when his mind was so disordered that he could not worship God, “*I seem to have no fellowship with the church on earth or the church in heaven.*” The idea is in perfect accordance with the whole word of God. The most sublime view that the scriptures give us of the heavenly state, is that of Jehovah sitting upon his throne in the heavenly temple, surrounded by an innumerable multitude of redeemed sinners, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands, ascribing glory, honour and dominion to him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever.

The great business of the church of God on earth, is also to show forth the praises of him, who hath called her out of darkness into his marvellous light. Now the Jewish church had not only her sacrifices, but her prayers and songs of praise, in her private dwellings and in her public courts. In Abraham’s removals from place to place while he sojourned in a strange country, he not only erected his altar, but he called on the name of the Lord. The determination of Isaac, and Jacob, and Joshua, was that they would with their households serve the Lord. But the most striking proof of the spiritual nature of the worship of the Old Testament church, is to be found in the psalms of David, that sweet singer of Israel ; whose harp not only kindled the spirit of devotion in the ancient church, but which still vibrates in our ears ; calling upon us to

Offer notes divine,  
To our Creator’s praise.

How deep a sense of the exceeding sinfulness of sin original and actual, and what a lively faith in the mercy of God, and the plenteous redemption to be found in Jesus Christ, is found in the 51st Psalm. And where can any