

corruptible and under  
sovereignty most ex-  
I see the company  
of the new Jerusalem,  
upon their heads!  
the firmament, they  
their glory they owe to  
st their crowns at his  
ing friends, in antici-  
on account of any  
ready have obtained,  
ing, "Unto Him that  
y and dominion, for

*people priests.* The  
s that of separation  
der the Old Testa-  
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elves to the service  
e people of Israel  
f priests," because  
tions of the earth,  
o himself. These  
elievers are called  
mass of mankind,  
High,—called to  
e "a chosen gene-  
n, a peculiar peo-  
aises of Him who  
marvellous light."  
od of this world,  
se lusts and plea-  
ion, or avarice, or  
devotion, though  
are "offering up

spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ," are  
"presenting their bodies living sacrifices, holy, acceptable  
to God, which is their reasonable service." And if even  
in this life Christians are separated in a real and marked  
manner from the world that lieth in wickedness, the dif-  
ference existing between them and others shall hereafter  
be made unspeakably wider and more apparent than it  
now is. When ungodly men shall have reaped the natu-  
ral fruit of their own doings, in being for ever exiled from  
the presence of Jehovah and the enjoyment of his favour;  
the saints of God shall stand before him in his temple  
above, and serve him there night and day throughout  
eternity,—serve him with a zeal compared to which their  
utmost efforts here are perfect languor,—serve him with-  
out hindrance or distraction from remaining corruption,  
for they shall be the slaves of corruption no longer,—serve  
him with an enjoyment as far transcending aught that  
they experience in this state of being, as heaven is higher  
than the earth. Are we of the number to whom this  
priestly character belongs? Oh, that we were more im-  
pressed with our obligations to that Saviour by whom we  
have been distinguished from the children of the devil!  
Oh, that we could feel more of the holy gratitude that  
burns in the language which we desire to use, even while  
far, far from being able to rise to the full experience of  
what it expresses, "Unto Him that . . . hath made us . . .  
priests unto God and his Father . . . be glory and domi-  
nion, for ever and ever!"

II. But I proceed as proposed, *secondly*, to notice the  
expense at which Christ has procured for his people the  
blessings of redemption,—*"his own blood."*

In measuring the obligations under which you lie to an  
individual, you take into account not merely the value of  
the favours which you have received, but likewise the sac-