

and covetousness,—with the design to promote the *perma-*
nent interests of those engaged in it, and the general good ;
 when the families of the earth shall be the abodes of piety,
 and comfort, and love ;—a period when “ the earth shall
 be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the
 sea,” and “ the people shall be all righteous,” and “ all the
 ends of the world shall see ” and rejoice in “ the salvation
 of our God.” Mighty, indeed, must be the revolution that
 shall accomplish all this. But let not the benevolent heart
 despond. “ The mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken
 it :” and “ that which he hath spoken, he will also bring to
 pass ; that which he hath purposed, he will also do.”

How will he accomplish the glorious result ?

The efficient agency will be that of the Holy Spirit,
 whose office it is to give to men the light of the knowl-
 edge of the glory of God, and make them willing in the
 day of his power. “ Not by might, nor by power, but *by*
my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” “ And it shall come
 to pass in the last days, saith God, that *I will pour out of my*
Spirit upon all flesh ;” and then “ that great and notable day
 of the Lord ” shall “ come.”

But God usually works by means. He has uniformly,
 hitherto, dispensed spiritual blessings to men by the instru-
 mentality of their fellow-men ; and this gracious method
 of procedure, there is no reason to expect, will be discon-
 tinued. We are expressly assured it will be employed in
 effecting the glorious result predicted in our text. “ The
 law ” is to “ go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord
 from Jerusalem.” The change foretold in the character
 and condition of the nations, is to be effected by means of
 “ the law,” and “ the word of the Lord.” And these are
 to “ go forth of Zion,” and “ from Jerusalem :” the means
 which it has been determined to employ, are to be put and
 continued in operation, by those already blessed with the
 knowledge and the happy influences of the true religion.