

phetical statements it is easy to understand what Peter meant when he said: "For the promise is unto you and to your children."

4. Let us now look to see if this family principle, so prominent in Old Testament history and in prophetic forecasts of New Testament times, is also the actual working principle of the New Testament Church.

When Christ says, "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," does He not in general terms really announce as a fact, that little children have a recognized name and place in the kingdom of God upon earth? This may not be counted proof that the new covenant is available for parental faith, but it is broadly in keeping with that view.

When Peter, on the day of Pentecost, was asked the question, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" his answer is remarkable in its explicitness, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, . . . for the promise is unto you and to your children." He tells plainly who are to be baptized into the new kingdom; it is "every