

our day. In all these, and many other enactments, the true brotherhood of man was fully recognized by divine legislation. And all this was meant to prepare the way for something better and more complete, for the final advent of the kingdom in its truly catholic spirit and form, free from all national and racial limitations.

Hence the highest conceivable form of the kingdom, and that which we have in mind when we breathe the prayer: "Thy kingdom come," is, to use the words of Dr. Bruce, "the reign of divine love exercised by God in His grace over human hearts believing in his love, and constrained thereby to yield Him grateful affection and devoted service." (Kingdom of God, p. 46.)

Here it is to be noted that this kingdom is not exclusively subjective, concealed in the human heart. It is a visible society as well, divinely organized of those made fit to be citizens by the efficacious working of God's grace and truth. Jesus said to the Pharisees: "The Kingdom of God is within you," (*entos humon*), which I take to be equivalent to (*en meso humon*), in the midst of you or among you, because he was speaking to his determined enemies, in whose hearts the kingdom of God did not exist; but it was among them in the person of Jesus and His disciples.

Neither is the kingdom exclusively eschatological, to be looked for and enjoyed in eternity, or after the second coming of Our Lord. It will then undoubtedly appear in all its perfected glory, but is now set up among men as the one true and world-embracing system of Sociology. We are assured by Scripture that Christ executeth the office of a king now, in His state of exaltation, as surely as he did in His state of humiliation. Our citizenship is now in heaven. We now sit with Christ in the heavenlies. It is a very practical and pernicious error not to impress men with the thought that they enter the kingdom here by regeneration, that they are here to live the heavenly life, and here only to be prepared to enjoy the inheritance of the saints in light. Nay, more, they are to pray and to bend all their energies with unflinching