

pel. There can be no doubt in regard to the genuineness of this gospel, for Paul's counterfeit detector shows us just what language, or what particular words must be uttered in preaching the true gospel: and if these words, or, such expressions as bear upon the carrying out of the purposes of God as expressed in the language of the gospel preached unto Abraham, are wanting, you may know that the gospel is not being preached. This counterfeit detector to which I refer, is Paul's language addressed to the Galatians. It reads as follows:

"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify (i. e. make holy, just, and acceptable,) the heathen (that is, the heathen nations, as well as the Jewish nation,) through faith, (i. e. through faith in those promises he had made unto Abraham,) preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, (i. e. when he said,) in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

This detector puts the seal of genuineness upon the gospel, and shows that all the promises God made unto Abraham, were the the pure gospel; and all the talk we hear in these last times about going off to heaven, if good, at death, has nothing in it to mark it as genuine, but all the marks of being quite another gospel from that preached unto the patriarchs, which confined man, and his rewards, to this earth.

Let us now examine the gospel that was preached unto Isaac, the son of Abraham, and see if it contains the same marks of genuineness, by alluding to the blessing of the nations of the

earth through him and his seed.

The gospel preached unto Isaac, may be found in Gen. 26: 2, 3, 4. I give the sermon in full, as follows:

"Sojourn in this land, and I will bless thee and be with thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father, and I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and I will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

This sermon has the ring of genuineness in it, for it is a reiteration of the same promises made unto his father Abraham. This is the only gospel sermon this patriarch ever had preached unto him, and it will be noticed that the blessing of all the nations of the earth through him and his seed, is the identical language Paul has called our attention to, as being contained in the gospel God preached unto Abraham. And as God promised Isaac that he would perform the oath he had sworn unto Abraham, his father, (for he did not say he *had* performed it, but that he *would* perform it,) we are shown that the promises God made unto the patriarch Abraham, have not yet been bestowed upon him, and that they are consequently all in the future, and to be bestowed after the resurrection of the dead. It could not have been very difficult for Isaac to believe, and accept, this gospel; not so much so, as for his father; for having been reared and educated under the teachings, and influences, of his father's new religion, he