

Him as the Mediator between God and man. It is a power which is "given" to Him; all things are "put" under Him. The extent of this grant of power is emphatically declared by the same apostle in other words when he says "It is manifest that He is excepted which did put all things under Him." This is the only instance in which any exception is intimated to the universality of the Redeemer's kingdom, and that exception is God, the Father, Himself who confers on him the mediatorial dominion. So, once more, the same truth is presented with equal emphasis in the epistle to the Hebrews where it is declared "He left nothing that is not put under Him."

Now since nations are moral persons, capable of doing right and wrong, competent to resist and oppose or to favor and assist the great work for which He came to the earth, it follows irresistibly that nations are subject to His authority.

Without trenching on the field of sundry subtle theological disputes, the National Reform movement has from the first recognized the great truth that the allegiance and homage of nations are due to Jesus Christ. It proposes to the American people to acknowledge Him as the Ruler of nations. This lends a distinctively Christian character to this movement. It connects it with some of the most vital and precious truths of the gospel. It gives it a claim on the sympathy and help of Christian men, which it could plead on no other ground. If it be objected that this is a peculiar religious doctrine, and wholly strange to the majority of the people, our answer is that we profess to be a Christian people, and what is so plainly written in the Bible ought not to be strange to us. We have learned many other truths in the course of our history, some of them after painful discipline, and if this be indeed the truth, it can easily be taught to the nation. With an open Bible universally circulated, and the testimony of faithful witnesses to interpret it, and the omnipresent Spirit to lead into all truth, the kingly claims of Christ may be speedily made plain to all eyes. If He is indeed the Ruler of nations and demands their submission to Him, it is at our peril we fail or refuse. No objection from any disbelieving minority can be allowed to hinder the nation from doing what it believes to be its duty and necessary for its life. Let it be known and read of all men that the National Reform movement is a movement to place this nation in relations of acknowledged submission and allegiance to the Lord Jesus. We would rather fail under that banner than succeed under any other."

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#### APOSTOLICAL SUCCESSION.

An old Puritan doctor, Sibbes, wrote a book called *The Bruised Reed*, and that book having fallen into the hands of Richard Baxter brought him under the influence of spiritual religion. Baxter wrote a book entitled, *A Call to the Unconverted*, and, long, after he had ceased to write, that book met the eyes of Philip Doddridge, and was the means of bringing him to a broader knowledge, and richer faith, and deeper experience in the things of God. Again, Doddridge wrote a book called *The*