

testimony of God and the word of Jesus—had a glimpse of Heaven from his rocky home such as no mortal beside ever had. God always gives special revelations to those of His servants who are called to pass through special sufferings for His name's sake. They are never nearer Heaven than when they are walking through the depths of trouble. John on Patmos, severed from his associates, and hindered from preaching the gospel, had Heaven opened to him under the image of a magnificent city. Raised to an exceeding high mountain—carried in spirit to the purer and loftier heights of the universe—he saw it reposing in its uncreated splendour. Its shining streets, casting back the glory of a cloudless sky; its crystal river, unstained with a human tear; its massive walls, resting on foundations of costliest gems; its gleaming gates of pearl, opening towards every point of the compass, and its innumerable inhabitants walking in the light of the smile of the King—all were present to his eyes. And what he saw he has put on record for our instruction and encouragement. I ask you now to look away from this sinful earth—this clouded scene of your sorrows, conflicts, and trials—to that home of souls in which you are hoping to live through eternal ages.

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

LET US CONSIDER THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.

God has given commandments to man. They are the substance of the Bible. God's will is revealed in the natural world in actions. In the Bible His will is revealed in letters, syllables, and words. The Bible contains our rule of practice; it gives us a complete system of practical religion. Man requires a rule; a

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