

into harmony with the pure and peaceful character of its Divine Author—a "faith that works by love, and purifies the heart;" Galatians, chap. 5; ver. 6: and Acts, chap. 15; ver. 9. Or must we regard these prayers as prompted by a more historical faith, and therefore dead—arising out of the vague notion that these things must be accomplished because they are predicted by the spirit of prophecy without having any intelligent views as to how they are to be completed, or without striving to exercise a living, practical, experimental faith in the power of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, it being the last dispensation of God to man, where is to be found ample provision for all his needs and which is that alone that will ever be found to be the healer of breaches and the restorer of man to his primeval state "when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy:" Job, chap. 38; ver. 7. "When in every place incense shall be offered to his Holy name a pure offering:" Malachi, chap. 1; ver. 11.

We declare our conviction, that it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ alone which will renovate the world, and that we are not warranted in expecting any other Gospel, or, in looking for any new or marvellous display of Divine power to usher in the golden age of the Church, which christians have been apparently expecting for eighteen centuries.

And here we would ask, if there is not a serious danger that christians, in reference to this important point, may be found occupying similar ground with the Jews of old, respecting the advent of the blessed Saviour. They believed in his coming, and that the time had nearly arrived when he should appear—were daily looking for him, and no doubt daily praying for the auspicious event; and although every circumstance conspired to bear testimony to his claim as being, He that should come, yet they refused to receive him, or listen to his highly instructive messages of love, which he so freely offered for their consideration.

The christian church is also looking for a second advent, when it is expected his peaceable Kingdom will be established; and it is a serious question, whether upon this subject the views of its members are not too outward and carnal, and hence fail sufficiently to recognize, the great Gospel truth that the Kingdom of God is within—"that it cometh not with observation," Luke 17 chap., 20 ver., "but with power," 1st Corinthians, 4 chap. 20 ver., "that it does not consist in meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost," Romans, 14 chap., 17 ver.—And that as citizens of that Spiritual Kingdom, Christians are bound to render implicit obedience to all the laws, by which it is governed. We have plainly unfolded in the Scriptures of truth, a code of the most sublime doctrines and purest ethics ever delivered