

of the whole territory of Divine truth lies open before them, they dare not pass beyond the the outer circle of their system to go up and possess the land, they must be satisfied with the portion their fathers have bequeathed them, are admonished of the danger, presumption and ruin of seeking to know more than the good men that made the articles and the creed, and exhorted to show their christian humility by obeying their Minister, being satisfied with what they know and whereto they have attained, and sigh and long and pray for the happy time when their bondage shall be brought to a perpetual end, and the knowledge of the mysteries which were hidden, but are now made manifest in the Gospel, shall abound as the waters of the great deep. Or if a holy earnest child of God, whose spirit longs for deeper acquaintance with the character, will and purposes of his Heavenly Father, than the creed and articles can give, filled with enlightened zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of precious souls, panting after full conformity in spirit and life, to his exalted Lord, by striving after holiness, and filled with the lion-like courage by which the righteous are distinguished, shall cast off the fear of man which bringeth a snare, and despising the honor that cometh from men, throw aside the badge of degrading servitude, and go forth to the open word of God, traverse