

It is very precious to find in Genesis the elements and the broad principles of the relations of God with man in all their freshness from the creation, sin, and the announcement of the Second Adam. We also see how the government of God was exercised ; in what manner man fell ; the judgment of the deluge, which put an end to the old world ; the promises made to Abram ; the two covenants of Sarai and Hagar ; the relations of God with the Jews in the beautiful typical history of Joseph. In a word, we find in Genesis, not only a history, but the grand basis of God's relations with man. Abram in this respect holds a chief place as the depository of the promises. We may understand that by what the apostle Paul says to the Galatians (iii. 13, 14), " Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us ; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree ; that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

We see by this word, " the blessing of Abraham," the importance of that which is attributed to him. In considering it we shall see the position God has made for us, in His grace, as to the accomplishment of the promises ; even in looking at it as a principle, we shall understand the glory of Christ, Heir of all the promises of God. It is true that the relations of Christ with the Church were yet hidden, having been revealed only after