

must take our stand beside men like Micah and say to ourselves and to our brothers: "The prospect may look dark now, but in the latter days it shall come to pass. . . ."

What is it that shall come to pass? What is this "golden age" to be? What is God's Utopia like? What are its distinguishing characteristics?

THE SUPREMACY OF THE SPIRITUAL

First of all let it be noticed that this "golden age" is distinguished by the supremacy of the spiritual. That is its most distinguishing feature. "And in the latter days it shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the tops of the mountains and shall be exalted among the hills" (4:1). That is, the spiritual shall be supreme. It shall dominate everything. It shall overshadow everything. The spiritual values will obtain, the spiritual standards will rule. There will be other towering mountains but the mountain of the house of the Lord will overtop them all. There will be other commanding interests but the spiritual will be the