

know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor. ii. 14). Such being the case, we might expect that our Lord would declare this truth in such a discourse as we have before us, and this assuredly He has done in these words: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

I have already shown how many in Scripture are the significations of the word "water," but I now wish to add that often, when the Holy Ghost wishes to describe the refreshing and invigorating nature of the Gospel, He does so by picturing it under the form of that well known element. For instance, in Isaiah lv. 1, God says: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the WATERS." Now here the prophet is announcing the glorious Gospel, afterwards to be revealed in the coming of the Lord Jesus. He describes under the word "waters" the unspeakable blessings of the "everlasting covenant" mentioned in the third verse, and this everlasting covenant is, and can be nothing else, than the Testament or Gospel of the grace of God. The vision of the "holy