

thy seed shall *all* the *nations* of the earth be blessed." This promise was renewed to Isaac and Jacob, xxvi: 4, and xxviii: 14. Thousands of millions of the human family have lived and died without knowing that such a person as Jesus, who is the seed spoken of in these promises, ever existed; and, consequently, without ever receiving any benefit through Him whatever. Now, to suppose that these promises relate to *temporal* blessings, is to suppose that God has made promises which He never *has* fulfilled and never *can* fulfil. Besides, Peter understood these promises to relate to *spiritual* blessings, even to the salvation of men from sin. When addressing the murderers of Jesus Christ, he says: Acts iii: 25—26, "Ye are the *children* of the prophets, and of the *covenant* which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, in thy seed shall all the *kindreds* of the earth be blessed." We see here in these passages that a blessing was promised to all *nations*, *families*, and *kindreds* of the earth, by the mouth of Jehovah himself. See also, Gal. iii: 8, Acts iii: 25. It is often said that the unbelief of some men is so great that these promises to them can never be fulfilled. That the unbelief of man *cannot* overthrow the *faith* of God, is clearly evident from Rom. iii: 3—4, "For *what if* some *did not believe*? shall this unbelief make the faith of God without effect? *God forbid!* yea, let God be true, but every man a liar." See also, Gal. iii: 21, "Is the *law* then against the *promises* of God? *God forbid!*" See also 2nd Cor. i: 18—20, Gal. iii: 15—17, "The doctrine is founded on the immutable *oath* of Jehovah." Gen. xxii: 16—18, "*By myself* have I sworn, saith the Lord, that in blessing I will bless thee, and in thy seed shall *all* the *nations* of the earth be blessed." Isaiah xlv: 22—24, "Look unto me and be *saved*, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else, I have sworn by myself, the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me *every* knee shall bow, *every* tongue shall swear, *surely shall say*, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength," &c. See also, Heb. vi: 16—19, respecting the oath of Jehovah. 8th. It is based on the determinate *will* of God. 1st Tim. ii: 1—6, "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, and prayers,