

taking action, that he attained the success and dignity recorded of him? Deut. xxxiv. 10, 11, 12. No prophet in ancient history rose to such eminence.

The first test we would apply to try the validity or spuriousness of prohibition of this present day, or as to its accord or variance with God's prohibitory law, is that in the present prohibitory law and in those of the kingdom of falsehood and the god of this world, compulsory service is exacted. Also in this proposed law, the articles prohibited are removed from reach and placed under control of an official vice-regency, virtually and all but in name claiming infallibility, in that they condemn private judgment. Human responsibility, freedom of will, and liberty to act, are to them subordinate: man's sovereignty and kingly right to self-government ceases. In the kingdom of God, on the contrary, voluntary or free will service is alone accepted: that which is prohibited is within reach. The nature of God's government is