

pole, and from the flood to the world's end. So the great bard, as you remember, sang

"Of man's first disobedience, and the fruit
Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste
Brought death into the world, and all our woe,
With loss of Eden, till one greater Man
Restores us, and regains the blissful seat."

It was necessary, it was fitting, it was divinely ordained, that since by man came the downfall of all the great and good and perfect gifts of Almighty God, bestowed upon His sons, so by Man should come the uplifting, the upraising and the evolving, out of the chaos and ruin that he had created, of the glorious Kingdom of peace and righteousness, that shall yet and finally overspread this world. Therefore the King of the Kingdom is the Man Christ Jesus. "Behold!" said the prophet, "a King shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a Man shall be as an hiding-place from the wind, as a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." "Let this mind be in you," said the great Apostle, "which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name that is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

There, brethren, you have the Kingdom's King, and there you have the profound and divine reasons upon which that arrangement reposes.

Now, that being the purpose of the Almighty, you will observe how all along the course of the old ages that same hope was kept burning brightly before man. Man felt that he had been the author of his own ruin, that he had bartered His paradise for the ashes and misery of a