

authority; and their ritual and worship was framed by the same infallible direction. Every thing that pertained to their manner of worshipping God, was taken out of their hands and maintained in His own. He devised and laid before them, in reference to this sacred matter, what he knew what would best promote His own glory, and their highest welfare. He did not leave the manner of conducting the awful mysteries of religion, to their own inclinations and caprices. They could not remove their Priests and Levites from the sacred position in which God had placed them, and elect others, at their will, in their room; nor could they alter one tittle of the holy worship He had appointed, without incurring His severest displeasure.

We can hardly fail, my brethren, to admit that there has been a sympathetic tie between the members of the Church of God in every age; that we can trace up our connexion, link by link, not with Apostles and Prophets only, but with Moses, with the Patriarchs, with the first father of mankind. In spiritual, as well as in natural things, our connexion is intimate and direct even with the first representative head of our species. If "in Adam all die," we may trace up to Adam the first indication of the promise that "in Christ should all be made alive."

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