

Happily there is a more excellent way, which we prefer to follow. We have a sure word of prophecy to which we unhesitatingly give heed. The Bible is a perfectly trustworthy revelation of the nature and character of God and man, and of the relations between the Creator and the creature, as well as the social relations between man and man. And I unhesitatingly believe that the Sociologist who desires to have a true and timely message for our age will take the old book as his vade mecum, rather than the disquisitions of Karl Marx, Henry George, Herbert Spencer and the voluminous writings of Socialists and Evolutionists. He will study its contents comprehensively and minutely, beginning with the New Testament, and especially with the clear and profound lessons of Jesus. These illuminate the earlier pages of revelation, for the great Latin father correctly remarked: *In vetere Testamento est occultatio Novi, in Novo Testamento est manifestatio veteris.*

We should, therefore, in our efforts to construct and improve Society, begin with the teaching that is most luminous. This is the scientific method, to proceed from the lucid to the obscure, from the known to the unknown. Why should we in any case prefer shadowy conjecture to unerring certainty? And if the Bible is Christo-centric, as is so often affirmed, and if Christ is the Son of Righteousness—the Light of the world, why should we not read all the pages of revelation under the brightness of His rays? God has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, and spoken definitively on fundamental principles of Sociology, as well as words of eternal life; and the voice still comes to us from heaven—"Hear ye Him." He descended to our world to set up the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven, His own kingdom, and in the full development and establishment of this kingdom true Sociology will find its completion.

All branches of the Holy Catholic Church have unitedly and through nineteen centuries breathed the prayer, "Thy kingdom come." But what do we mean, what thought is present to our minds when we use these words? What is the