

might be restored to its true use as a house of prayer ; even when foretelling its speedy and final overthrow. But in His answer to the woman of Samaria, we seem to read the unanswerable judgment of the Divine Founder of the Christian Church on all substitution of forms, and all addition of needless ceremonies for the pure spiritual worship which was thenceforth to displace the temple service, and the praying towards Jerusalem. "Our fathers," said the woman, "worshipped in this mountain ; and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father. . . . The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth."

"Hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place," was the prayer of Solomon, even when dedicating that one visible temple in which God was pleased to manifest His visible presence on earth ; and He of whom all the types and sacrifices of the Old Testament church were but as shadows, who Himself, when on earth, spent whole nights in prayer, did not, while condescending to teach His disciples how to pray, admonish them to turn to the East or elsewhere.