

called the beginning of the Levitical age, which had its beginning at Mount Sinai, and was entrusted to the High Priest, Priest and Levite; and which ended in the awful crucifixion and death of the Son of God; and we, having had the benefit of all these privileges, now live under the dispensation of Grace.

The redemption and glorification of this world was the ground work of the Faith of all the Old Testament Saints. Adam beheld it like a star over his dark future. Abraham looked for a "city which hath foundation whose builder and maker is God." Job says "yet in my flesh shall I see God," and looked for the time when "His flesh shall be fresher than a child, he shall return to the days of his youth." David and the four great Prophets describe its future glory. Our blessed Lord and his Apostles shewed by their lives and doctrines the character of those which would realize their fulfilment. How is it that though nineteen centuries have nearly passed since the world was redeemed, it has not yet become glorified? It must be the want of unity among Christians which prevents mankind from having on the whole armour of God, which alone enables him to fight with the devil and prevail against him, which he can do, for Christ has said, "If a man keep my sayings he shall never see death." "A little while and ye shall not see me, and again a little while and ye shall see me." "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

Observe that the serpent has appeared to man in three forms, first as the serpent when he poisoned the beautiful creature God made; then as Satan, under which name he is said to have resisted David, Job, and Joshua, and to stand at the right hand of all who do wickedly. Psalm cix. But it was as the devil that he