

too feebly believed. He stood at my left hand in reach of my person, and signified by motion this covering was for me. He gently stripped the garment from his own shoulders and laid it on mine, and told me that through the sorrows of sin I must minister to the Christian Church, and that this was redeeming blood that was laid upon me, which I must be baptized in. He disappeared from me naked and beautiful, and I saw him no more.

I returned sincerely confirmed in the belief that I had received a holy mission from God. During the appearance of the solemn countenanced angel I was accompanied with sorrow concerning the fall of Jewish glory, once offered to God, and thought by this mantle I should have part in the restoration of the Christian Church only, and no part with the Jewish order in God's holy habitation.

I will here note that I hitherto had received some hope in having part in the restoration of ancient glory, and therefore was the more grievously disappointed, as expecting by what I had received, I should have part in the Christian Church only. But I sorrowed no longer than the dawning of the next morning light, when I received the same call and retired again, and I expressly saw the same person in another garment colored as the skies, ornamented with the lights of heaven wholly, and sparkling with unusual lustre, with a border of gold compassing the mantle round about. I then stood in difficulty in my situation to know what was to be done with it, for I knew as before at the appearance it was God's visitation of great mercy to the restoring of ancient glory, which is long fallen. In an exceeding careful and gentle manner, he lifted up the first covering and placed the other in like manner as he had done before, under it, and I saw that Jewish glory was nearest to my heart, and the last visitations of God to His people, and that He would come hereafter, and dwell with them Himself, and receive all glory; I now had received an assurance that I had part both in present and ancient order, but that I must first ornament the Christian Church with all the glory of Israel and afterwards become nothing myself therein, but resign all to God's protection, for He, after me, would take care of His own people.

Throughout his writings, Mr. Willson expounds the old dispensation as much as the new, Moses as much as Jesus. He gives his reason for doing so in the following quotation:—

It is proper to inform my friends and acquaintances how I ever came to embrace such a spirit as this, that leadeth my mind