

the church of God, depends. You will see, in going through the passages which I will now quote, that it connects itself and is mixed with every part of Christianity, characterizes it, and connects itself with every thought and feeling of the Christian. A person could not read the Scriptures with an unprejudiced mind without seeing it.

I take conversion : people say, what has that to do with the Lord's coming ? That is part of what they were converted to : "to wait for God's Son from heaven." This waiting for God's Son from heaven characterized their conversion ; they were converted to serve God, surely ; but, also, "to wait for His Son from heaven" (1 Thess. i. 10).

There are two subjects with which Scripture is occupied, when personal salvation is settled : one is the sovereign grace, which makes us, redeemed from sin, like Christ in the glory : this is the blessed portion of the church of God ; and the other is the government of God in this world. (Deut. xxxii. 8.) "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people[s], according to the number of the children of Israel. For the Lord's portion is His people, Jacob is the lot of His inheritance." There we get, in the government of the world, Israel as the centre. Israel would not have Christ, and so was set aside for the time. God's throne was taken from Jerusalem at the Babylonish captivity, but a remnant was spared and brought back, that the king