

false security, relying upon the soundness or accuracy of their articles of faith, or of their opinions or doctrines.

I have attempted to show also that all mankind, without any exception, are really children of God, and capable of becoming perfected sooner or later; so as to be occupied like "gods" in performing works of creation, &c., to all eternity. And that this great truth is calculated to cause us to feel greatly interested in the work of perfecting mankind either individually or collectively, so that we shall exert ourselves to the utmost to do so, and shall no more despise the meanest of mankind than we would despise an angel; for we shall not regard him merely as he now is, but we shall consider also what he is destined to become, sooner or later, when perfected. Thus this doctrine naturally produces the effect which the apostle John affirms that it does, when he says, "*Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he [God] is pure*" (1 John iii. 2, 3).

Lastly, I have attempted to show that the separation of the best of mankind from among the various nations of the earth, and the restoration of Judah and Israel, together with many other most important events connected with it, are now about to take place upon the earth; so that even the best among men have now little enough time left to prepare themselves to meet their Lord, now that he is about to come to gather together and bless the righteous and well-disposed, while he will allow the wicked and evil-disposed to fight it out among themselves, until they have utterly destroyed their power and influence, so that the righteous shall be enabled to "take the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever" (Dan. vii. 18).

It is now that that which was symbolized by the parable of the "ten virgins" will be fulfilled: "*Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and*