

is, with regard to the reception of the believer by Jesus Christ; and as He is the way to the Father, the way is open there and never shut. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me:" John xiv. 6. And as He will in no wise cast out those who come to Him, He is always an open way, or door, or gate to the Father: therefore the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there. As He himself is the Sun of righteousness, and the Light of the holy city, New Jerusalem, there can be no night where He is; for the sky is clear, and serene, and unclouded, and the Sun is shining bright with heavenly effulgence, and cheering rays of heavenly glory. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us:" 2 Cor. iv. 6, 7. "And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination; or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life:" Rev. xxii. 26, 27. We have now arrived at the perfection and completeness of proof; as they who are to be brought into it, are called the glory and honour of the nations, which still must be considered the twelve tribes of the children of Israel, according to the tenor of the Abrahamic covenant: for in him, and in his seed, all the nations of the earth were to be blessed; and these therefore must be considered the glory and honour of the nations; and when they are brought out of all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, they shall be brought together into one in Christ Jesus our Lord, and