

the Kingdom of love, munificently rewarded for the observance of its law, "the just made perfect" should forthwith forget the scene of their labours and their companions, the former objects of their solicitude. Does not the whole story of Revelation tell us that, far from forgetting the members of Christ's kingdom on earth, love for them will be perfected in Heaven? Thus the awful power of death can have no other effect on the solidarity of all the members of the Kingdom than to make it firmer by perfect love in Heaven. It was the great Bossuet who said so well, "Charity draws the celestial spirits from Heaven to earth, from the Creator to the creature, as it raises mortal men from earth to Heaven, from the creature to the Creator." Saint John, too, the immortal seer of Patmos, who drew his charity from the burning Heart of Jesus the night before He died, sees the portals of Heaven flung open to his astonished view, sees what God judges most interesting for us to know unto the end of time, sees the "ancients," the Saints in Heaven, gathering up the prayers of the saints on earth, and offering them to the Lamb, "having every one of them harps and vials full of odours, which were the prayers of the saints."—*Apoc.* V, 8.

Nothing on this subject can be of greater moment to us than to have true ideas of what the Holy Ghost has revealed concerning it. The Bible gives copious texts in which we see that our friends in Heaven are constituted co-operators by intercession with Jesus Christ, our only Mediator of Redemption; that He has chosen the Saints to be the channels through which His favours should come to us; that He has given them power to protect us, that He grants everything to their intercession, seeming scarcely able to resist when they plead in our behalf. There is not recorded in history a greater miracle than the rescue of the three Hebrew youths from the furnace of burning fire, made seven times as hot as usual, into which they were cast by the idolatrous king of Babylon. So great was the heat that the men who threw the youths into the furnace were themselves burned to death. But the Hebrews were unhurt: "They walked in the midst of the flames blessing