

believing and pleading it, then you draw God upon your interest, so that your concern is His concern, your interest is His interest, your cause is His cause, as the psalmist shews here, "Arise, O Lord, plead Thine own cause." It stands upon His honor, and He will do His own work in His own time, for He will rather work marvellously and create new worlds, rather turn all things to nothing, than quit His concerns in or give up with His "respect unto the covenant."

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Here is what God has said about His word: "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Here is what He says about the messengers who carry His word out into the world, and may it not be as true of a book as of a preacher?