

communication. Hence from himself God created a co-ordinate being of the same endowments, but of still more delicate organization.

Kindred society became the consummation of human bliss, because necessary to fill up all man's capacities for enjoyment. A male and a female, possessed of one common nature, mutually dependent on each other for all the higher enjoyments of that nature; in their creation inseparably allied to each other; and in all their wants, desires, and enjoyments, reciprocal finish the picture of primitive bliss in man's original state. Thus is man created and circumstanced; and after the intelligent, pure, and happy pair were introduced to each other, God, their Creator, inducted them by his own hand into the garden of delights, which for them, he had previously formed and beautified with all the exquisite charms which the combined influences of virgin heaven and earth were capable of producing. Then "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." And here we shall leave them for the present.

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## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

### NO. I.

KINGDOMS rise and fall. Man has his infancy, youth, and manhood. Kingdoms also have their various stages of existence. Man is first an embryo. The kingdom of heaven was a long time in the same state.

"My kingdom is not of this world," said the Saviour. It has no connection with worldly greatness and grandeur. Without its aid, it arose and progressed. In opposition to its machinations, it has, and will triumph, until its dominions are extended from "sea to sea, and from the rivers to the ends of the earth."

The Harbinger of the Messiah, (John the Baptist;) the Saviour; the Twelve, and the Seventy, travelled through the length and breadth of the land of Canaan, proclaiming—"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

It shall then, be our present object, to ascertain when it began; the place; its laws; its subjects, and its discipline. We are aware that our time would not be well spent in exhorting men to become citizens of a kingdom, until we are able to make them acquainted with its history; or, at least, show them when and where it begun; and the manner of enjoying the benefits flowing from connection therewith.

This Kingdom is typically called a "Mountain," "the Lord's House," "Church," &c. It existed only in prospect in the days of Isaiah, (Chap. ii. 2, 3.) "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob: and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths, for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." See also Micah, iv. 2. No doubt can remain in the mind of the Biblical student, that the above predictions, penned seven or eight hundred