

From Sinai, God spake by Moses, and through a long line of prophets he hath spoken unto us, by his son.

Witness his attestation of his divine mission.

"I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."

"And this is the will of him that sent me; that everyone which seeth the son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Do you ask for further proofs of his divinity? Listen!

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. * * * In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."

The goodness of God, in Jesus Christ, his Son, was manifest at creation's dawn, and when the morning stars first sang together, and shepherds of Bethlehem, announced the birth of the new born King.

We are accustomed to think of him as a man, and study his character as related to his earthly life, limited to thirty years, as "the Man of Nazareth."

It is only when we study his Sermon on the Mount, that we can fully comprehend him; not only as a human being, with "flesh and bones"—but as "the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

What was the key note of that sermon?

"Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Thus the foundation of his preaching was the fact that since the transgression of Eden, all men are, by their relation to that disobedience, sinners, and that entrance into the kingdom of heaven, to life and immortality, can only be gained through repentance and faith.

To the poor in spirit, thereby a heavenly inheritance.

To them that mourn comfort was promised.

To the merciful—mercy.

To the pure in heart, "they shall see God."

What all-embracing compassion was that which was thus exhibited in the Beatitudes?

What outspoken warning was that, when he declared,