

A Sermon

from 1 Cor: X 11

Now all these things happened
unto them for examples and they
are written for our admonition, upon
whom the ends of the world are come.

There is a gradual development
visible in God's dealings with
man in the various ages of the
world. As the dawn of day to
the noonday sun so is the history
of the Old Testament to the history
of the N. T. Church. From the time
of Adam to the call of Abraham
the world may be said to have
been lying in darkness yet a
few stars appeared in the firmament
from time to time some rays of light

I would to guide the wayfarer through
their uncertain pilgrimage; through
this world of sin of sorrow & woe
through doubt & fear, The patriarchs
predecessors to the flock have as their guide
the tradition of the Jews to lead them
across and they long life allotted
to them ~~would~~ could not make
it very difficult for them to ascertain
the truth of these sayings, those truths
of the here & living God recommended
to a clear & larger than from
generation, The words of nature
guide to those sacred traditions
passed from generation to generation
would serve if a little persuasion
should be to confirm the truths
if these records of Divine reve-
lation. Besides then it pleases
God now & then to make some
special revelation of the knowledge
of him who made & ruled the
world. Holy men, such as Enoch

~~How~~ and Noah would appear
in the world

The present generation of men are
often inclined to ask, How is it
that God does not now as of old
reveal himself to mankind?
How is it that we witness no longer
those special manifestations
of the Divine will or behold
those striking tangible interpo-
sitions of Divine Providence in
the affairs of mankind as we read
of in such ancient times? Why are
not there now men favored & endowed
as the special messengers of the
Almighty to make known to man
his designs? When are the
Prophets inspired & accredited
by special tokens to teach men
and to guide them aright when
in doubt & error to make known

to erring man the path of truth?
When are the miracles, the signs the
wonderful displays of Divine
power? Where are the prophecies
and their fulfilment which so often
of old bestowed the truth of the
message delivered? Where are the
evidences of the Divine presence in
the ordinances of God by which the
ancient Church of God so often was
guided? God once taught man,
does he teach him now? Does he
now manifest himself in some shape
or other as he did in the days of
the Patriarchs. Noah was instructed
to build the ark. Abraham was com-
manded to leave his country & God
again appeared to him.
Jacob beheld a ladder to climb
him to heaven. Moses heard the voice
of God in the flaming bush. The
priests of the temple wereark went
from God by the living & the living. In the
days of the judges men were again
prejudiced with special deliverance from on
high. Lovingkindness angels appeared, at

other time some great prophet came
attending about him & from men
by some special sign which could
not be mistaken as being a Divine
testimony. And how wonderfully
our God guided her people from
Egypt, through the Red Sea in their
climes down into the promised land.
We seem to be forgotten & disregarded
by God who once guided us.
His Word, his wonders are not enough
us. We seem to be less favored
less heavenly than God's people
of old. Such a similar question
are often asked, and if not always
distinctly asked by Enigma in the
minds of of mankind. And our
belief often takes path with you
with a kind of obscurity & mystery
as if a fair excuse for sapient
& doubt & evil. And to unfold
we answer you will not see the
light else darkness will at once
disappear. You have the full light.

of day if you would but see if that
your natural blindness were removed.
The light of the Gospel, the revelation
of Divine truth under the N. Dispensa-
tion are so harmonious that
they surpass by far the various dis-
plays ~~and~~ ^{the} of Divine presence of old
and the occasional revelations
made to some of God's chosen servants
of old. ~~Under~~ ^{Under} the Moon day sun is
to the night & the moon that is the
Gospel when compared with the
previous ages of the world.
The purpose of God that at any
time you left the world in utter
darkness & ignorance of Him. At
no period of the world could man
examine himself as if utterly
without a guide in the means of
instruction. God's providence &
the book of nature might also

Some have served to the extent
while some served to the thoughtless
and serious to find out something
of the knowledge of God. Yet as
man's pericardium ~~and~~ blind
unbelief was so great as he had
utterly corrupted his way as he
regained some special revelation
from on high to guide him aright,
we may justly make the comparison
already alluded to, calling the former
period the full day with a long night
and dawn preceding it. Yet even
the night was not so dark at first
as it has become even still
evenly with those nations who
live in ^{a twilight} heathen ignorance leading
war and strife. Before Abraham
and the giving of the law, the night was
yet illumined men or her by some
ray of light now & then a special
servant of God taught & warned

sea, thy appearance like stars in
the firmament such were Enoch &
the family of Seth and Noah,
Nor could they be separated in their
days of God's revelation to them
in Paradise, the high lion of
the patriarchs seemed to hand down
the knowledge of God from generation
to generation without much difficulty,
it took not many generations to as-
certain the truth of their sacred
traditions, which the first pair
would transmit to their offspring.
And it does seem that the knowledge
of the way to God was never quite
extinct in the world rather general
before the flood although probably
much less abundant. We learn nothing
of idolatry till after the deluge,
then then when men thus perverted
their ways & corrupted the knowl-
edge of their Creator into

view, when the creature instead
of the creator was Lorenzo. You
was pleased thing broken but
apart a people for himself to establish
his ~~own~~ ^{own} worship to prove his mastery
and through a series of revelations
to several of his special servants
to bring about the cross of clay. The
fact is that you had revealed to
Abraham Isaac & Jacob, & made
them men fully to know and
through him by wonderful manifestations
of his power & grace and
established ~~manfully~~ his work
by law & covenant & a typical
servant full of signs & portents
clear & foggy forecasting
a better dispensation when the
form him to time raised, properly
signally attended as his ~~unwilling~~
and his kind servants.
But what is all this when we compare

it is the manifestation and sending of
his only begotten Son. You shall
many times spoke & in diverse manners,
spoke in synagogs unto the fathers of
the prophets, both in their last days
spoken unto us by his Son, who was
clearly in the most striking & convincing
manner proven to be the only begotten
Son of God & who was acknowledged
in his power & glory by our fathers &
faithful witnesses, even the Pharisees.
But say some, we have no such
display of a revelation of God's
will & power now. We reply we
have all in the written word of
God. Where we might ask is preferred
a single isolated word here & there
learned, as a crack speaking to man
far or a written testimony full
power to be true containing all the
will and the cracks of God
expressing even God's will & purpose.

The saying & doing of God's words
at all times giving a history
of God's rule & government
the world extending over
centuries numerous problems
which now we see fully accomplished.
What is written of the time is with
for our admonition.