

A Sermon
from 1 Cor: X 11

Now all these things happened
unto them for ensamples 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 dealing 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 wanderer through
this sea certain pilgrimage, through
this world of sin of sorrow & woe
through doubt & fear, The patriarchs
predecessors to the flock have as their guide
the revelation of the Divine word from
Heaven and they long life all these
to them ~~would~~ ^{could} not
it very difficult for them to understand
the truth of these sayings, those truths
of the here & living for commendation
to Heaven & deliverance from
separation, The words of revela-
tion to those sacred traditions
promised from generation to generation
would seem if of the perma-
nent to confirm the truths
if these revelations 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

~~These~~ 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 each ancient times? Why are
not their 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 bolstered the truth of the
message delivered? When are the
witnesses 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 & 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 were clothed
from God by the living & the slain. In the
days of the judges men were again & again
graced with special direction from on
high. Lowly angels appeared, at

other time some great prophet came
attending about him & from men in
by some special sign which could
not be mistaken as being a Divine
feeling. And how wonderfully
our God guided his 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 men
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 angels in the
minds of of mankind. And our
belief often fails forth with you
with a kind of confusion & despair
as if a fair ~~ex~~ ^{excuse} for sapling
& doubt & evil. And to which
we answer you will not see the
light else darkness would 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^o. Dispensa-
tion are so harmonious that
they surpass by far the various dis-
plays & ~~revelations~~ ^{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 runs
to the night & the dawn that is the
Gospel when compared with the
previous ages of the world.
The purpose of God that at any
time God 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

times have served to the extent
 while there served to the thoughtless
 and serious to find out something
 of the knowledge of God. Yet as
 man's perceptions are blighted
 as belief even so great as he has
 utterly corrupted his ways as he
 requires 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 the light
 and dawn preceding it. Yet even
 the night was not so dark as first
 as it has become even still
 darker with those nations who
 live in heathen ignorance ^{and idolatry} seeing
 war & strife. Before Abraham
 and the giving of the law, the night was
 yet illumined men or led by some
 ray of light now & then a special
 messenger of God taught & warned

men, by appearance like stone 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 long lives of
the patriarchs served 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 have said to their offspring.
And it does seem that the knowledge
of the only true God was never quite
extinct in the world, but rather general
before the flood although probably
much less abundant. We learn nothing
of idolatry till after the deluge,
then then when men their parents
their ways & accepted the glorious
image of their Creator into

view, when the creature instead
of the creator was, because God
was pleased through Abraham his
agent a people for himself to establish
his ~~own~~ ^{own} worship to preserve his knowledge
and through repeated revelations
to several of his spiritual servants
to bring about the dawn of day. Then
Abraham, that you had revealed to
Abraham Isaac & Jacob, to make
known manfully to Moses and
through him by wonderful manifestations
of his power & grace
established manfully his covenant
by laws & covenants & a typical
service full of signs & portents
clear & joyful, furnishing
a better disposition which he
from him to have raised up
signally attended as his worship
and his kind service
But what is all this when we compare

it is the manifestation and sending of
his only begotten Son. You who at
many times spoke & in other manners
spoke in secret into the Father of
the prophets, both in their last days
spoke as to us by his Son, who was
clearly in the most striking & convincing
manner proved to be the only begotten
Son of God & who was acknowledged
in his power & glory by our Father &
faithful witnesses, even the apostles.
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. Whether might & power is preferred
a single isolated word here & there
learned, or a whole speaking to man
for or a written testimony full
power to be seen containing all the
will and the power of God
expressing even God's all consuming

The sayings & doings of God's servants
at all times giving a history
of God's rule & government with
the world extending over ages
containing numerous prophecies
which now we see fully accomplished.

What is written of the times is written
for our admonition.