

filial obedience. And to maintain their standing he puts his laws into their hearts, and says, 'thou *shalt* not depart from me.' Persons may be coerced into church fellowship, but that will not alter their *condition*, enable them to produce spiritual fruit, nor give them any lot among all them that are sanctified. Goats may be washed in the same pool with the sheep, and at the same time, but that will never cause wool to grow upon their backs. They may graze in the same pasture and lodge in the same fold, but that will not make them sheep. They may be dressed in sheep's cloathing but that will not alter their nature, and they will be identified as goats whenever they are stripped of their false covering. The assumption of appearance may have its effect, but they will die in the character in which they were born. I write not these things to discourage any individual from pursuing the path of duty, but to show the uselessness of proselytism, and the ineffectual nature of offered grace. Offering grace to all mankind, cannot enlarge the fold nor diminish the number of goats. It cannot reclaim the sheep, much more turn goats into sheep. Things must remain as they are fixed, let people say what they will. Grace omnipotent and operative, must and do begin, carry on, and crown the sinner's salvation. He must in cheerful mood confess, that, to grace he owes his conversion and perseverance, and that to grace he is looking to complete what it has begun.

" Grace taught my heart to pray,
And made my lips o'erflow:
'Tis grace that kept me 'till this day
And will not let me go.

" Grace all the work shall crown
Through everlasting days,
It lays in heaven the topmost stone,
And *well deserves* the praise."

I have only to add, that some understand this passage as referring to the heavenly state. To this sense I am not averse, though I think the thousand years reign of Christ seem more agreeable. His people will then be a *host of nations*, gathered out of every tribe and nation under heaven. They will in a very eminent