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David, of Michaiah. Job i, ii.; 1 Chron. xxi; 1  
Kings xxii.  
There are two places of security, and two of inse-  
curity. The temple and altar court, which are in  
heaven, are safe. The outer court and holy city are  
insecure. The Child taken to the throne is but another  
view of the worshippers in the inner court. Satan  
tries to force this stronghold, and hence his defeat.  
Is not a dragon a winged serpent ? If so, he is able  
to use his wings no more. He is confined to earth  
thenceforth, unable to mount to his former abode in  
heaven. On his belly he shall creep.  
  
9. “ And the great dragon was cast (down), the Old Serpent,  
who is called the Devil, and Satan, who deceiveth the whole  
world : he was cast into the earth, and his angels were cast with  
him.”  
  
“He was cast into the earth.” The issue of this  
war is not slaughter, as in the battles of mortals, and  
as we find it in chapter xix. 21; it is ejection by force  
from a certain territory. ‘This casting down was fore-  
told by our Lord. “I beheld Satan as lightning fall  
from heaven” (Luke x. 18).  
  
10. ‘‘ And f heard a great voice in the heaven, saying, Now  
has come the salvation, and the strength, and the kingdom of our  
God, and the authority of His Christ; for the accuser of our  
brethren is cast (down), who used to accuse them before our God  
day and night.”  
  
This is the first act of power exerted to put down  
evil. Jesus by His death has purchased the right to  
put down wickedness, whether in heaven or in earth.  
That right and power slumber during the time of  
patience. But when Satan abandons his craft for force,  
the blow of justice falls on him. And that blow is  
the final deliverance of heaven from the power of evil.  
“The kingdom of God” has then begun. It has not