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therefore begun yet, even in heaven. How much less  
onearth! We have yet to pray, ‘‘ The kingdom come!”  
But in that day it is come. As one has well observed,  
Satan’s ejectment cannot have come to pass yet ; or the  
attitude of the Church of Christ, as wrestling with  
principalities and powers in the heavenlies, would be  
lost. Eph. vi. 12. But the kingdom then comes only  
on high: for that part of God’s dominion only is as  
yet rescued from the presence and power of Satan.  
The casting out of demons by the Spirit of God was,  
in principle, the coming of the kingdom of God, as  
Jesus said. Matt. xii. 28. But now it is the ejection,  
not of one demon out of a single individual of earth,  
but of Satan and all his host out of heaven.  
“Who used to accuse them before our God day and  
night.”  
Satan has his place in the king’s court, as a witness.  
The king’s ear must be open to all complaints, whether  
true or false. Satan’s great malignity, and unceasing  
power as a spirit, are shown in his accusing them “ day  
and night.” After accusation, then comes investiga-  
tion, and the witness is proved true or false. Satan at  
length is proved, not only the false accuser, but the  
open rebel.  
It appears as if this were Satan’s constant post: his  
angels being employed in bringing him intelligence.  
Yet he never appears in this book as standing before  
the throne. It is the throne of justice, and before that  
he cannot appear voluntarily.  
  
11. ‘‘ And THEY overcame him because of the blood of the  
Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved  
not their soul unto death.”  
  
The stress laid in the original upon the word “ they ”  
seems due to the fact that there are two victories.  
One has just taken place in heaven, won by force.