614 HEBREWS. Il.   
   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED. AUTHORIZED VERSION,   
 wonders, and various miraculous and with divers miracles,   
 na gor-aii.4 POWCrS, and "distributions of the and gifts of the Holy   
 Fonts, 0, Holy Spirit, ‘according to his own Ghost, according to his   
 5 For not unto angels did he own will? § For wato the   
 will? angels hath he not put   
 “thf; ag, put in subjection \* the world to come,|\*™ 2ieetion the world to   
   
   
 divine confirmations of human testimony, according to God’s will, to each man ac-   
 it is this: a sign is a more general and cording to his measure and kind. ‘The de-   
 wider idea than a wonder. Every sign, reli- claration in Jom iii. of Him whom God   
 giously considered, is also a wonder, but sent, “ He giveth not the Spirit by mea-   
 not always vice versa. A wonder always sure,” speaks of the same giving, of   
 inclndes the idea of something marvellous, its unmeasnred fulness, as inparted to our   
 something extraordinary in itself, betokens glorious Head, not of its fragmentary dis-   
 something which by its very occurrence tribution to us, the imperfect and limited   
 raises astonishment, and cannot be ex- members), according to His (God’s: sce   
 plained from the known laws of nature. above) will (it is hest to refer this clause,   
 On the other hand, a sign is each and not to the whole sentence preceding, nor   
 every thing whereby a person, or a saying to the two clanses, various miraculous   
 and assertion, is witnessed to as true, and powers and distributions of the Holy   
 made manifest: and thus it may be some- ‘Spirit, as Bleek and Liinemann, but to the   
 thing, which, considered in and of itself, of these onlly, to 1 Cor.   
 would appear an ordinary matter, causing and to the free and sovereign agen   
 no astonishment, but which gets its cha- plied in the word distributions. Sce on   
 racter of striking from the the whole sense, Acts v. 32)?   
 connexion into which it is brought with 5—18.} Thedogmaticargument nowpro-   
 something else, e.g. a heavenly mes- ceeds. The new world is subjected, by the   
 senger having previously referred to some testimony of the Scriptures, not to angels,   
 event which he conld not have foreseen by but to Christ : who however, though Lord   
 mere natural knowledge. But it may also of all, was made inferior to the that   
 De a wonder, properly so called. Still, it is He might die for, and suffer with, being   
 natural to suppose that the biblical made like, the children of men. 5.   
 using so often as they do the words toge- ‘The proposition stated. For (the con-   
 ther, did not on every occasion bear in nexion is with the sentence immediately   
 mind the distinction, but under the former preceding, i.e.with vv.2—4. That former   
 word thonght also ofevents which of them- tword was spoken hy angels : it carried its   
 selves would be extraordinary and mar- punishment for neglect of it: much moro   
 vellous appearances”), and various mira- shall this salvation, spoken by... . &c.,   
 culous powers, and distributions (this sub- confirmed by... .&c, For this whole   
 stantive is that derived from the verb used state of things, induced by the proclam   
 in Rom. xii. 3; 1 Cor. vii. 17; 2 Cor. x. tion of that salvation, is not subjected to   
 13) of the Holy Spirit (is this genitive angels, but to Christ, the Son of God.   
 descriptive of the object distributed, or ‘Then the fact that it is to MAN, and to   
 of the subject distributing? It docs Him as aray, that it subjected, is brought   
 that His refers to this we be ruled hay: the in, and a new subject grafted on the   
 reference of the possessive pronoun Bis old one of His superiority to the angels)   
 below. It seems much more natural to not to angels (“angels” stands place   
 refer this with the to God, the primary of emphasis, as contrasted with “man”   
 subject of the sentence, than made the Holy below) did he subject (viz., at the date of   
 following clause. merely introduced genitive, ng out of the   
 course most commentators, be once granted ‘The subjection of this present na-   
 the Holy Spirit as that is distributed, world to the holy angels, as its ad-   
 in several places attested   
 Scripture, and was a very general matter   
 of belief among the Jews. In Deut, xxxii.   
 8, we read in the Septnagint, “ When the   
 Highest distributed nations, as He dis-   
 persed the sons of men, He set the boun-   
 davies of nations according to the number