disappeared: they are seen no more. Here are unnumbered thrones set on earth.  
 What, then, are the conditions of obtaining a seat on  
one of these thrones?  
 The occupants of them are here spoken of only  
indefinitely. They are, I believe, the same parties  
who descended with Christ as His army. This would  
appear more clearly, if we read verses 1-3 of this chapter  
as a parenthesis. The army of warriors who come with  
Christ reign with Christ. As those who fought with  
Joshua, with Joshua inherited the land; so those who  
with Christ war, with Him reign.  
 “Will all believers, then, reign with Christ?” By no  
means. The kingdom of the thousand years is never  
said to belong to those who only believe. There are  
not a few texts addressed to believers which declare  
that certain classes of them shall not enter the kingdom.  
 (1) Those whose (active) righteousness shall not  
exceed that of the Pharisees. Matt. v. 20.  
 (2) Those who, while professors of Christ’s name,  
*do not* the will of His Father. Matt. vii. 21.  
 (3) Those guilty of strife, envy, and contention.  
Luke ix. 46-50; Mark ix. 33-50; Matt. xviii. 1-3.  
 (4) Rich disciples. Matt. xix. 23; Luke vi. 24;  
xviii. 24.  
 (5) Those who deny the millennium. Luke xviii. 17; Mark x. 15.  
 (6) The unbaptized. John iii. 5.  
 (7) See also 1 Cor. vi. 9, 10; Gal. v. 19-21; vi.  
7, 8; Matt. x. 32, 39; xvi. 26; xviii. 17, 18; Luke  
ix. 26.  
 “But will only the martyrs have part in the millennial kingdom?”  
 This is making the gate too narrow, as the other  
makes it too wide. Those who suffer for Christ, even