

The prophet in a sight of divine work amongst many people, declared in the name of the Lord, "I will gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come and see my glory." Isaiah lxvi. 18. And again, "from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, my name shall be great amongst the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered to my name, and a pure offering." Malachi i. 11.

Behold here how the prophets had an inward sense of the spreading of the kingdom of Christ; and how he was spoken of as one who should "take the heathen for his inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for his possession." Psal. ii. 8. That "he was given for a light to the Gentiles; and for salvation to the ends of the earth." Isaiah xlix. 6.

When we meditate on this divine work, as a work of ages; a work that the prophets felt long before Christ appeared visibly on earth, and remember the bitter agonies he endured when he "poured out his soul unto death," that the heathen nations, as well as others, might come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved.

When we contemplate on this marvellous work, as that which "the angels desire to look into." 1 Pet. i. 12. And behold people amongst whom this light hath eminently broken forth, and who have received many favours from the bountiful hand of our heavenly Father; not only indifferent with respect