in this. Still, one can hardly refrain
from thinking, when he sees his neigh-
bor begging and borrowing bread, how
much more commendable it would be in
him to apply himself to labor and pro-
duce thereby bread from the soil by his
own exertion.

And inasmuch as our Heavenly Fa-
ther is accessible to all, it is far bet-
ter to store our minds with the trea-
ures of wisdom and knowledge, by our
own spiritual labors and toil, direct from
the great Fountain of celestial light and
love, than to trust wholly to the tes-
timony and teachings of others. Ob-
tain the testimony of Jesus, which is the
spirit of prophecy. Startle not at the idea
of prophecy and prophets; for I would
to God that all the Lord's people were
prophets. There is no professing Chris-
tian in the world, who does not pos-
sess the spirit of prophecy, that can tell
whether he is wheat, straw, chaff, smut,
or tares. And no person can have the
spirit of prophecy who declares that the
days of the prophets are gone by and are
not needed now, unless that spirit should
be given to seal condemnation upon the
narrow-minded bigot who will not con-
fess it and give God the glory, after it
may have fallen upon him; for he loves
the praise of men more than the praise
of God.

The sun, moon, and stars are the rep-
resentatives of the final homes of the
departed dead, if not their real homes.
The sun is said to shine by its own
light inherent in itself. I might not ad-
mit this under some circumstances; but
the popular thing will here answer my
purpose. The moon and stars shine by
borrowed light. These stars or plan-
ets vary in their size, motion, distance
from the earth, and intensity of heat,
cold, &c. Some of them may revolve
in eternal day, while others roll in end-
less night; and still others, like our
earth, may have alternate day and night.

Here are homes for all grades of spir-
its, from the faithful martyr to Christ's
kingdom and Gospel, whose glory is rep-
resented by the sun in the firmament, to
the wicked tare, who will be sent away
into outer darkness, upon some planet
destined to roll in endless night. "In
my Father's house are many mansions."
There is one glory of the sun, another
glory of the moon, and another glory of
the stars. One star differs from another
star in glory; so also is the resurrection
of the dead.

The children of this world who love
darkness rather than light, will find
themselves, finally, to be inhabitants of
those planets that move in outer dark-
ness; having a home adapted to their dis-
position and character.

The inspired Apostles and Prophets,
together with the martyrs of Jesus, and
all the pure and sanctified ones, will in-
herit a glory like the sun; while the hyp-
ocritical professor, the liar, the adulterer,
the profane swearer, with all who hold
to a religion without Prophets and Apos-
tles, without inspiration and miracles,
without revelation, prophecy, keys, and
powers to bind on earth and in heaven,
after the call is made upon them by the
messengers of the true religion, will be
damned and sent away into outer dark-
ness, even into prison, where they will
gnaw their tongues for pain.

In this prison they must remain un-
til they have paid the utmost farthing.
The antediluvians were in this prison
for a long time, until at length Christ
preached the Gospel to their spirits, that
they might be judged according to men in
the flesh. He opened the prison doors to
them that were bound, and proclaimed
a release to the captive sons and daugh-
ters of earth, enslaved by sin in the days
of Noah.

While the Savior's body lay en-
tombed in the sepulchre, his spirit
was not inactive. He was preaching