shall fulfil all my will. Of this man’s seed
hath God according to his promise raised
unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus.” Acts 13th
chap. 22nd and 23rd verses. Did David
sin in taking so many wives? No. In
what, then, did his sin consist? It was
because he took the wife of Uriah, the
Hittite—that is, violated the law of God
in taking her. The Lord had given him
the wives of Saul and would have given
him many more; but he had no right to
take one who belonged to another. When
he did so the curse of adultery fell upon
his head, and his wives were taken from
him and given to another. We will now
inquire in relation to the Savior him-
self. From whom did he descend? From
the house of David a polygamist; and
if you will trace the names of the fami-
lies through which he descended you will
find that numbers of them had a plural-
ity of wives. How appropriate it would
have been for Jesus, descending as he
did from a race of polygamists, to have
denounced this institution of plural mar-
rriage and shown its sinfulness, had it
been a sin! Can we suppose, for one
moment, if Patriarchal marriage were
wrong, that He would, under the circum-
stances, have been silent concerning it
or failed to denounce it in the most pos-
itive manner? Then if plural marriage
be adultery and the offspring spurious,
Christ Jesus is not the Christ; and we
must look for another.

All good Christians are flattering
themselves with the hope that they
will finally enter the gates of the
New Jerusalem. I presume this is the
hope of all denominations—Catho-
lics, Protestants, Greeks and all who
believe in the Bible. Suppose they go
there, what will they find? They will find
at the twelve gates twelve angels, and
"names written thereon, which are the
names of the twelve tribes of the chil-
dren of Israel." The names of the twelve
sons of Jacob, the polygamist. Can a
monogamist enter there? "And the wall
of the city had twelve foundations, and in
them the names of the twelve apostles of
the Lamb;" and at the gates the names
of the twelve tribes of Israel—from the
twelve sons of the four wives of Jacob.
Those who denounce Patriarchal Mar-
rriage will have to stay without and never
walk the golden streets. And any man or
woman that lifts his or her voice to pro-
claim against a plurality of wives, under
the Government of God, will have to seek
an inheritance outside of that city. For
"there shall in no wise enter into it any-
thing that defileth, neither whatsoever
worketh abomination, or maketh a lie:
For without are sorcerers, whoremon-
gers, and whosoever loveth and maketh
a lie." Is not the man that denounces Ce-
lestial Marriage a liar? Does he not work
abomination? "I Jesus have sent mine
angel to testify unto you these things
in the churches. I am the root and the
offspring of (the polygamist) David, the
bright and the morning star."

May God enable us to keep His law,
for, "Blessed are they that do his com-
mandments, that they may have right to
the tree of life, and may enter in through
the gates into the city.” Amen.