

Evangelical mystery, *JUST, yet the JUSTIFIER of the ungodly*. Shame, death, and divine wrath were the principal ingredients of the curse. These even the curse of the broken covenant, did Jesus as our substitute undergo. Was ever *Shame* like unto that, which he bore? The prince of the kings of the earth born in the abject inclosure of a stable. Banished in his infancy from his native home, and driven an exile into foreign land. Loaded, in his public life, with the most scandalous crimes, and branded with the blackest names; apprehended as a traitor, and condemned to the cross as the vilest of malefactors,—a robber, a murderer is preferred to him! His executioners pour contempt on all his mediatorial offices. And to expose him to the utmost shame, he is fixed to the accursed tree, defiled with spitting, disguised with wounds, and exposed to the gazing eyes, and reproachful scoffs of numberless spectators.

Follow the Saviour to Gethsemane, there you will see him sustain the *wrath* of God. No remorse could alarm his spotless conscience; yet there, even there, fear and trembling came upon him. No external violence was offered to his sacred body, yet a dreadful perplexity overwhelmed him. It was cold night, and amidst the fall of chilling dew, when our divine Master lay prostrate on the earth, sweating, sweating blood, sweating great drops of blood, running down in streams to the ground. All this is but little to be wondered at. For it was then he suffered the inexpressible anguish, pains, and terrors of hell. And so insupportable were the agonies of his Soul, that he was constrained to cry out, *My Soul is sorrowful, exceeding sorrowful, sorrowful even unto death*. What cause equal to this amazing anguish, can be assigned, but the inexpressible wrath of his Almighty Father, who treating him no longer as the Son of his love, becomes his inexorable JUDGE, and sheathes the sword of divine vengeance in him as the SURETY for the unnumbered millions of the *election of grace*.

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