

infallible, none that is not *liable to transgress*." With this emendation, which appears to be required, no less by the grammatical construction of the passage, than by the homogeneity and consistency of the train of thought in which it occurs, the passage will read thus: "If they sin against Thee (for there is no man that may not sin) and Thou be angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive into the land of the enemy, far or near; Yet if they shall bethink themselves," &c. Now it will be seen that the notion of contingency which is expressed by the first word is carried on through the whole. If the 26th verse had commenced thus, *when* they sin against Thee, then the parenthetical statement as it now stands would have been in complete harmony with it, but it commences with an *if*, expressive of contingency, and the consistency of the train of thought seems to require that the same idea of contingency be expressed in the parenthesis. If this view of the passage be correct, and it does not appear to be easy to put any other construction upon it, consistently with the rules of sound criticism, the apparent conflict between it and the passage from the 1st Epistle of John dissolves like the baseless fabric of a dream. The attention of the reader is respectfully invited to the learned criticism of Dr. Adam Clarke, on 1 Kings viii. 46, which was written, be it remembered, before the shallow and impudent infidel tract from which these alleged self-contradictions of the bible are formed, had an existence.

IV.—INSPIRED AND UNINSPIRED.

"*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.*"—II. Tim. iii. 16.

"*That which I speak I speak it not after the Lord.*"—II. Cor. xi. 17.

Paul says "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God," and yet he says, elsewhere, "That which I speak I speak *it* not after the Lord," and this is another of those grave inconsistencies on account of which the Bible is to be rejected and its inspiration denied! But if this latter statement referred to all that the apostle ever wrote there would be no contradiction between it and his affirmation respecting the inspiration of the Scriptures in his second letter to Timothy, inasmuch as the "Scripture" to which he refers was evidently the Old Testament Scripture, the only Scripture in exis-