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these flows from the invincible grace of God in Christ, and therefore teach the necessity of an entire dependance on the Redeemer.

Obj. "our good works are recommended by Christ, and have their efficacy for justification only through his merits; so that we still depend on the Redeemer and pay him the highest honor."—What! You depend on the Redeemer! No, you depend on your own performances. *These*, these are your principal recommendation. You pay the Redeemer the highest honor!! No; you are not willing to give him the undivided honor. You diminish *his* to exalt *your own*. You talk of Christ's merits: you despise them. It is *your own*, not *Christ's* merits, that you depend on. Far be it from me to deal in the thunderbolts of eternal vengeance; but the sentence has gone forth from the mouth of the great Eternal, *Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.* You see then, that you are cursed even on your own principles. For in proportion as you trust to yourselves, your heart departs from the Lord. *But blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope is in the Lord.* Jer. xvii. 5. 7.

Obj. "James declares, that Abraham was justified by works when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar, and that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only, Chap. ii. 21. 24.—I answer, Abraham's *being justified by works* cannot relate to the justification of his person before God, for in that sense he was justified long before, even before he was circumcised, Rom, iv. 10, 11. neither can it relate to what some call the *secondary* justification, for this depended, according to their scheme, upon his *finality* persevering in good works, but the works here mentioned, were performed several years before his death. James does not, therefore contradict what Paul said, Rom. iii. 20. *By the deeds of the law, shall no flesh be justified in the sight of God,* and verse, 20. where he declares, *that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.* For