

which made it requisite for the reconciliation of man to his offended God;—his preservation from everlasting punishment;—and his present and eternal salvation and happiness, that the Lord Jesus Christ should come into the world, and thus suffer and die. Of such reasons, *first* may be mentioned, the perfect and inflexible holiness and justice of the Supreme Being, the glorious Creator and Ruler of the Universe. In the revelation concerning Himself, which He has given us in the inspired Scriptures, and *where only* His true attributes and character can be ascertained and known, we find it declared that “He is glorious in holiness;” (Ex. xv. 11) is “righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works;” (Ps. cxlv. 17) that the myriads who worship in His immediate presence and celebrate and extol His perfect and glorious attributes, incessantly cry “Holy, holy, holy;” (Rev. iv. 8) It is further declared that He is “a just God;” (Is. xlv. 21) that “justice and judgment are the habitation of his throne;” (Ps. lxxxix. 14) that He is “a God of truth;” (Deut. xxxii. 4) that “all His commandments are holy, just, and good;” (Rom. vii. 12) that He “cannot look on sin with allowance;”—“is no respecter of persons;” (Acts x. 34) but “will render to every man according to his deeds.” (Rom. ii. 6). The Heaven of heavens, where is the throne of His glory, and where all holy and happy spirits dwell, is a perfectly holy place. Of the future new Jerusalem, the City of God, in which they will all forever dwell with Him, and the holy and glorious Redeemer, it is declared;—“there shall in nowise enter into it, any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie, but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life;” (Rev. xxi. 27.) We also see in Scripture, that the angels who rebelled were cast out of heaven, and consigned to everlasting torments—no Redeemer or Saviour being provided for them. We further learn from the same inspired record, that it was for *one* prohibited and disobedient act of our first parents, that they were expelled from paradise; their holy nature in which they had been created, having, by that *one act*, been forfeited and lost; and the corrupt and rebellious nature engendered and established; and their whole posterity also rendered radically infected and polluted. Through the pride of that apostate and corrupt nature, many deny