

sprinkling a few drops of water on a part of the body, nor pouring a small quantity on a part: their whole mind was as completely connected with the Spirit as the believers body in his baptism is connected with water, no matter whether that water falls from the clouds or runs in the limpid stream. But I say again, baptism represents the death of Christ rather than the gift of the holy Spirit. Jesus says, I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it is accomplished, Luke 12: 50. This was accomplished when he died, was buried, and rose from the dead.

*A.* It is objected that the Old Testament represents pouring or sprinkling as beneficial and immersion as destructive; as in the case of the Israelites passing through the Red Sea. Psalms 77: 17 is quoted to show that the Israelites were poured; and the Egyptians, being immersed, were drowned; and to strengthen the argument against the immersion of the Israelites, it is said they went over on dry ground.

*B.* They were not baptized by the cloud alone, nor by the sea alone; but passing under the cloud, and through the sea, they were completely covered. That cloud was a pillar to guide them, and not the one mentioned in the 77th psalm which poured out water; if it had, how could they pass over on dry ground? So that this objection destroys itself. This is a beautiful type of christian baptism. The Israelites, when following Moses from Egyptian bondage, passed through the Red Sea; by which means God was pleased to destroy their enemies, and save them. Their enemies sink, they arose out of the sea. When men believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and are willing to leave their sins, they follow him in the baptismal grave, and rising from the water, they enjoy a purer felicity than did the Israelites when they sang the song of deliverance on the margin of the Red Sea, (compare Ex. 14 with Acts 2.)

*A.* It is urged that as Isaiah and Ezekiel mention sprinkling to be the work of Christ, it is the best mode of baptism.

*B.* The sprinkling mentioned in Isa. 52: 15, and Ez. 36: 25, is predicted of Christ, and is not baptism, for Jesus baptized none.

*A.* It is said that in cold climates and on death-beds persons, however anxious, could not be immersed, and that God would not appoint an ordinance that could not be obeyed.

*B.* In the coldest climates thousands have been immersed without injury to the subject or the administrator. Those who are converted on their death-bed, but cannot be immersed, are in the hands of him