

must be, not only immaculate, but have a knowledge of evil without which they would be incompetent judges. How was this apparently insuperable obstacle to be overcome? It could only have been by infinite wisdom. The first man was allowed to obtain this knowledge through disobedience in yielding to the temptation of the arch-enemy, and with it he was given a conscience. The next great step was provision for the recovery of this fallen creature whose debased nature now yielded readily to further assaults. How was this to be accomplished since God was absolutely holy, and every sin must be atoned for, as He requireth that which is past? Man could not recover himself and God could not lower His righteous claims. How was it possible that righteousness and peace could meet together? It was apparently impossible; yet again infinite wisdom could find a way, and infinite love could put it into execution; a way which only God could have devised; and that was by His bringing into the world His Son as man, and as man making atonement by the sacrifice of Himself for the sins his creatures