

opposite, and with the strongest asseveration, that the Hebrew language affords, he thus continues—"Verily, verily, I say unto you, unless you shall eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you, for my flesh is truly drink. He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood, remains in me, and I in him." v. 51 to 58. The first consequence of this language, which seemed as unnatural to the Jews, as it does to our dissenting brethren, was, that many of his disciples rejected his doctrine and left him. The Redeemer, however, did not call them back to inform them, that his language was only figurative.

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A CHARITABLE APPEAL

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

In favour of the doctrines of
The Catholic Church.

"Return back to judgment."—DAN. xiii. 49.

"To the law and to the testimony."—ISA. viii. 20.

NOTE.—The scriptural quotations by which this appeal is enforced, are taken from the Protestant Bible.

POINT VI.

(Continued.)

The title prefixed to this chapter, in the Protestant bible, acknowledges, that Isaiah here prophesies of the coming of Christ's kingdom, which all, but Jews, understand not of a temporal, but of a spiritual kingdom, or his Church which consists of true believers. The overthrow of idolatry so plainly marked in this prophecy, is very remarkable: for, since idolatry was to be overthrown by Christ, and yet, this glorious work was not effected by himself in person, whilst upon earth; but we see it daily accomplished by the Catholic Church, whose apostolical preachers have converted all the idolaters that have hitherto been converted, and are daily labouring with success, for the conversion of the rest, in all the infidel parts of the world; what can be more for the confusion of Protestants who charge this same Church with idolatry? For, who can believe this Church to be over-run with idolatry, at the very same time, they see it is assisted by the grace and power of Christ, to overthrow all the idols, and to break the neck of Dagon, all the world over.

3. "Behold, your God will come, with vengeance, even God with a recompense, he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped." Isaiah xxxv. 4, 5. "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be call-

ed the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it: but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools "shall not err therein." v. 8.

The title of this chapter, in the English Protestant Bible, is, The flourishing state of Christ's kingdom. Now, let Protestants consider, how well their accusation of the Church's apostacy agrees with the character of holiness, here given to it by the prophet, who describes it even as a highway of holiness; a way that leads so plainly, so easily, so secure to holiness, that wayfaring men, though fools, though ignorant and illiterate, if they will be but guided by it, shall not err therein.

4. "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even for ever: the zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this." Isaiah ix. 7.

That this chapter is to be interpreted of the spiritual kingdom or church of Christ, the title of the chapter in the Protestant bible witnesses. Now, here in plain terms we read, that this spiritual kingdom, or church of Christ, should, from its first establishment, thenceforth and for ever, be ordered with judgment and with justice, with which idolatry, superstition, and damnable errors are no more compatible than fire is with water, darkness with light, or good with evil.

5. "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and to them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord: As for me, this is my covenant with them: saith the Lord: my Spirit which is upon thee, and my words which I have put into thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed; nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever." Isaiah lix. 20, 21.

According to the title of the chapter in the Protestant bible, this is the covenant of the Redeemer with his Church. And can any thing be more for the confusion of Protestants: For does not the prophet here, in the most significant language, assure us, that the truth of our Saviour's doctrine, which he at first taught to his Church, shall never more depart out of it, but shall continue to be professed therein, in all its purity, throughout all generations? "My spirit which is upon thee, and my words which I have put into thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever."

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