

CHAPTER XXI.

RALPH ERSKINE AND THE COVENANT.

What this mighty Scottish preacher thought of the covenant, and how he made use of it, can be seen in the following extracts. They are taken from a noted sermon, entitled, "Faith's Plea upon God's Word and Covenant." The text is the plea put up in the 74th Psalm, "Have respect unto the covenant."

III. Let us shew what it is in the covenant that God hath respect to, or that we should plead.

1. "Have respect to the covenant," that is, to the Mediator of the covenant. Though thou owest no respect to me, yet hast thou not a great respect to the Mediator of the covenant; to Christ, whom thou hast "given to be a covenant of the people." . . . It is a strong plea