

From this passage, then, may be deduced; *FIRST, the Universality of the Redemption purchased by the blood of Christ;—Secondly, the final extent of the Divine Purpose in the Gospel Dispensation; and, LASTLY, the fitness of the Time, when the Redemption it proclaims was “testified” to the world.*

I. Now, the Doctrine of universal redemption perfectly coincides with the purest conceptions we can form of the Moral Attributes of God; whilst the opposite opinion is utterly irreconcilable either with his Justice or his Mercy.

Be it observed, too, that we are not left to infer so momentous a truth from a single passage of Scripture, however unambiguous be its language, and however definite its meaning.

Unquestionably, this Doctrine best harmonizes with the original purpose, and ultimate object, of the Divine * Promises, respecting the future Saviour. It is most consistent with the views of his † Office and Mission, as they were delineated in the writings of the Prophets, long before his coming in the flesh. In the

* Gen. iii. 15. xii. 3. xxvi. 3, 4. xxviii. 14. Acts iii. 25.

† Psalm xcvi. 3. Isaiah lii. 9, 10. liii. 6, 10, 11. Daniel ix.