

Spurgeon should write a book to prove that all the elect were glorified, *virtually, absolutely glorified in heaven millions of ages before Adam ate the forbidden fruit!!* It is just as consistent to have the redeemed actually glorified in a past eternity as to have them actually elected. No, no, Mr. Spurgeon this will never do.

HIS VIEWS OF THE ATONEMENT.

Mr. Spurgeon as it seems to us, has very unscriptural and absurd views of the *nature* of the atonement. His false conceptions of the nature of Christ's work have doubtless much to do with his limited and erroneous views of *its extent*. Indeed if Mr. Spurgeon's ideas of the nature of Christ's suffering and the propitiation which he made are correct, the pardon of the sins of the non-elect is not only an utter impossibility, but the pardon of the sins of even the elect themselves is just as impossible. He looks upon the atonement as a strict and literal commercial transaction. Christ paid every farthing which was due from the elect to Divine justice. Now if debts are paid, literally paid, paid to the last farthing, if the crimes of the elect are all punished without the abatement of a solitary jot or tittle, of course they cannot be pardoned. There is no call for it, no room for it, no necessity whatever for the exercise of forgiveness on the part of God, or the reception of it on the part of those whose debts have been fully paid. The atonement according to Mr. Spurgeon is not the ground of pardon, or the divinely provided means of pardon. He does not believe that the atonement of Christ remits a single solitary sin. But we must let him speak for himself lest our readers should think we misunderstand or misrepresent him. He says, "we have heard some preach a gospel, something after this order—that though God is angry with men, yet out of his great mercy, for the sake of something that Christ has done, he does not punish them but remits the penalty. Now, we hold, that this is not of God's gospel; for it is neither just to God, nor safe to man. We believe that God never remitted the penalty, that he did not forgive the sin with-