

only upon the Jews, but not upon them! And although our Lord, as himself declared, came not to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfil; whilst he denounced those 'who should break one of the least commandments, and teach men so, —yet this command, thus generally confirmed and guarded, is daringly asserted to be now annulled!

But it comports not with the object of this publication to controvert the question after the laborious and learned methods in which, in modern times, it has been taken up, and, in different instances, we regret to add, most perniciously pursued. For the obvious tendency and observable effects of the specious arguments of Dr. Paley, and his too numerous followers on this subject, may be perceived to be, not only to undermine and break down the authority of the fourth commandment, but to justify and encourage that lamentable desecration of the Lord's day so greatly and injuriously prevalent throughout the land. Considering the subtle and far-fetched reasonings of some of the impugners of the perpetuity of the Sabbath,—the masculine efforts of others in explaining away the common sense of the word of God, or in confounding the natural understanding of man,—one cannot but lament such prostitutions of learning as have too often produced an undue prejudice on the minds