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EXTRACTS FROM BISHOP JEREMY TAYLOR'S
CONSIDERATIONS UPON THE CRUCIFIXION.

JESUS was led out of the gates of Jerusalem, that he might become a sacrifice for persons without the pale, even for all the world; and the daughters of Jerusalem followed him with pious tears till they came to *Calvary*, a place difficult in the ascent, eminent and apt for the publication of shame, a hill of death and dead bones, polluted and impure, and there beheld him stript naked who clothes the field with flowers, and all the world with robes, and the whole globe with the canopie of heaven, and so dressed, that now every circumstance was a triumph. By his disgrace he trampled on our pride; by his poverty and nakedness he triumphed over our covetousness, and broke in pieces the fetters of concupiscence. For as soon as *Adam* was clothed he quitted Paradise; and Jesus was made naked that he might bring us in again. And we also must be spoiled of all our exterior adherences, that we may pass through the regions of duty and divine love to a society of blessed spirits, and a clarified, immortal, and beatified estate.

And now behold the Priest and the sacrifice of all the world laid upon the altar of the cross, bleeding, and tortured, and dying, to reconcile his Father to us: and he was arrayed with ornaments more glorious than the robes of Aaron. The crown of thorns was his mitre, the cross his pastoral staffe, the nails piercing his hands were instead of rings, the ancient ornament of priests, and his flesh rased and checkered with blue and blood instead of the parti-coloured robe. But as this object calls for our devotion, our love, and eucharist to our dearest Lord, so it must irrecon-