

SERMON.

ROMANS VIII. 28.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

THE Apostles frequently remind their brethren of the certainty of God's moral government, to prevent them from sinking under the sufferings to which they were daily exposed; and to encourage them to look for that happiness beyond the grave, which the present life neither can, nor was meant to bestow.—They did not consider this truth too general, and abstract, to afford consolation in calamity; as many strangers to the Gospel have done. They knew that these who have acquired clear and distinct conceptions of the divine perfection of God; and believe themselves continually acting in his presence, are not only warmed with gratitude towards him; but strengthened in affliction, and never become discontented like men who are doubtful of a superintending Providence. Experience hourly confirms their belief in this consolatory doctrine. They see that there is more good than evil, more

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