

with salutary effect, on the whole race of Man, in every varying state of Society, and under every possible condition of his nature.

This character of universality, thus strongly impressed on the Gospel, is perfectly consistent with the uniform tenor of the Divine Promises, respecting the Kingdom of the Messiah; with the declarations of our Lord himself; with the injunctions he gave to his chosen Disciples; and with the language and conduct of the Apostles, when speaking and acting as his "Embassadors," in the fulfilment of his high Commission.

To Abraham it was declared, that * "in him should all the families of the earth be blessed." To † Isaac, and to ‡ Jacob, the promise was repeated, in the same comprehensive terms. In the dying benediction of Jacob to his sons, it was foretold, that, out of Judah, § "Shiloh," or the Messiah, "should come; and that unto him should the gathering of the people be." To him also it was said, || "I will give thee the

* Genesis xii. 3.

† Genesis xxvi. 3, 4.

‡ Genesis xxviii. 14.

§ Genesis xlix. 10.

|| Psalm ii. 8