

holy men of old ; and though he was spoken of and addressed by them, under various titles, yet, he was never addressed under the title Son of God.

In the second Psalm it is indeed said, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee." But, these words were spoken only with prophetic reference, and in that sense, St. Paul cited them in his Sermon in the Synagogue at Antioch : "And we declare unto you good tidings, how that the promise, which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their Children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again ; as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.'"

God had promised to raise up one to sit upon the throne of David, and to reign over the house of Jacob. Christ upon his resurrection, having received all power in Heaven & in Earth, and being exalted to the right hand of God, must reign for ever. The promise, therefore, was fulfilled by the resurrection of Christ, who was thereby made the first born from the dead, and who is consequently, said to be begotten.

Now, if with respect to that event, he may be said to be begotten, it follows, that from the period in which he was thus begotten, the title "Son," became doubly applicable to him. Therefore, the Royal Prophet, in speaking of him with reference to that event, which was then in futurity, represented the Eternal God as using the following address : "Thou art my Son ; this day have I begotten thee." Thus, though this address was then only in futurity, yet it was spoken of by the Prophet, as actually existing. But why ? Because he spake with prophetic reference to a risen Saviour ; and by inspiration of that God, who frequently "callesth those things which be not, as though they were."

I shall now proceed to prove, that the title "Son," was only applied to Jesus, as a person in whom is included a derived nature, to which nature alone, that title can with propriety be applied.

In the fulness of time, the eternal Logos assumed human nature ; and his union with that nature was so strict and en-