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tions has already taken place, and those who were first have become last, yet we hope will not ultimately remain last in the road of salvation. An infuriated and fatal blindness occupied their eyes and understanding and prevented them from observing how, in the most minute points, the prophecies of their sages were fulfilled in the person and history of Christ—how the various predictions and the events in which they were realized, united in the closest correspondence to each other—like the parts of some curious machine, wrought separately by the art of the mechanic, but with such accurate adjustment, that no sooner are they put together, than out of detached portions and limbs, there is composed, merely by their union, a whole, working with the most delicate accuracy the purpose for which it was invented. Such is the nature of the fulfilment of the law by Christ Jesus. He recalled that part of its institutions which concerned general virtue and duty, and which has been distinguished from the ceremonial part by the title of the Moral Law, from the narrow and restricted sense to which the Jewish Rabbis had contracted it, by a close and verbal interpretation of its precepts. He explained its types, and fulfilled its prophecies, by his life, sufferings, and death. He did more, much more than all this. He paid in his own inestimable person that debt which fallen man owed to Almighty justice, and which, bankrupt by nature, it was impossible for him to discharge. He took upon himself that curse of the law which mere humanity could not endure, and by his perfect obedience and bitter sufferings, he made that atonement which his heavenly Father had a right to exact, but which even the destruction of the world could not have made; and gave us a right, trusting in his merits, to plead an exemption from the strict and severe denunciations of the law under which we could not survive. In no sense, therefore, was the ancient Mosaic Law destroyed. It may be compared to the moon, which is not forced from her sphere, or cast headlong from the Heavens, but which, having fulfilled her course of brightness, fades away gradually before the more brilliant and perfect light of day. May God in his mercy make us all partakers of the blessings purchased and promised by his blessed Son, by whom the law was not destroyed, but fulfilled!