

though the husbandman cast the seed into the ground, unless God send the former and the latter rain, his labour would fail, and his fields yield no meat. Is God to be styled an unjust Judge? Should He once more seal up the Heavens and make the earth as brass? Is God to be styled unjust and partial, because He sends a wasting mildew over one land, and cuts down the food of thousands? Is God to be called partial or unjust when He visits another portion of the earth, with the fell stroke of the awful plague? Or will those inquirers into the secret counsels of the Almighty, say whether God be not as partial in bestowing on them the light of the everlasting Gospel, and withholding it from others, as he is in bestowing the gift of faith on one and not on another? For we are told most emphatically in 2 Thes. iii. 2, that "*all men have not faith.*" Who then shall be saved? We answer in the words of Christ Jesus.

IV. "*All that the Father giveth me shall come unto me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.*"—John vi. 37-39. Christ here signifies that all that were given unto him by His Father in the eternal covenant of redemption should come unto Him. The work is the work of the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the glorious Trinity. His it is to make men partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ. In the admirable words of our Shorter Catechism, "He convinces us of our sin and misery, enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, renews our wills, and persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ freely offered to us in the Gospel." And believing on the Son we are pardoned, sanctified and saved. Thus were the eyes of the blind men opened; and thus was the deaf and dumb spirit cast out of the child that was brought unto Christ by his distressed father. Thus was Paul converted, and the awakened jailor at Philippi saved. And now my friends you will here perceive the extent of the Father's love. Had God merely given full liberty for man to come unto Him and be saved: yea had he proclaimed a will and a free salvation to all who should

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