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he stood chargeable with the sins of the Redeemed, his Father caused the sword of justice to fall on him. *It pleased the Lord, to bruise him. God not only delivered up his Son to punishment, but he delivered him up with complacency, and cried out, Awake, O sword against the shepherd, against the man that is my fellow.* He poured a dreadful deluge of wrath into his soul. *And who knoweth the power of that wrath, at which the pillars of Heaven tremble.* The infliction of punishment on the innocent Jesus for man's sin, is a more fearful monument of the awful severity of vindictive justice, than all the torments of the damned in hell. The Great God has determined to exercise pardoning mercy, in no other manner, than to declare the inviolable faithfulness of his word, manifest the purity of his nature, and vindicate the demand of inflexible justice.

This scheme of doctrine is best calculated to turn sinners to God. The thoughts of God's awful severity in executing vengeance on his own Son, when sin was only imputed to him, makes our ears to tingle, and our very heart to quake. This very thing is calculated to awaken the secure, and alarm the presumptuous. All the laboured aggravations of guilt, and all the severity of vengeance inflicted on rebellious angels, and on wicked men, are weak and inexpressive, when compared to the *dreadful import* of this grand transaction. For if the Lord God Almighty spared not his own Son, when guilt was only imputed to him, how much less will he spare bold, obstinate, and persevering transgressors. These things are brought forward, that they may hear, fear, and do no more wickedly. Inflexible justice opening a door for the exercise of mercy, manifests the riches of divine grace. And while it strikes the deepest terror on every persevering sinner, it cherishes the brightest hope in every penitent transgressor. What so likely to melt the stony heart, as the transactions of Calvary? To see the innocent Jesus hang on a tree, his side torn with the scourge, his veins streaming with blood, and God Almighty, as his inexorable