

suffered, I have yet to learn that it is possible to make the word of God of non-effect!

This is not an exaggeration; the picture is true, if it is rough. Calvinism and Arminianism lead to this. He who tells a sinner that he is unable to believe and obey Jesus Christ with the powers which he possesses, preaches indulgences to sinners, and they usually cost the community as much as indulgences did in the days of Martin Luther! Alas! how many are preaching about ability and inability, instead of preaching Christ as the way, the truth, and the life, and calling on sinners to repent and be baptised for remission of sins, that they may receive God's holy Spirit, and become heirs to eternal life.

And yet, for all this, many of those whose preaching is directly calculated to keep sinners in their sins are crying out "false doctrine," "you deny the spirit!" As though conscious of their inability to sustain their own views of conversion, they try to hide their defects by crying out "*you deny the Spirit!*"

'Tis seldom we offer challenges; but if any intelligent man will enter into an examination of the merits of this question, we will engage to prove that he who denies that the spirit influences the sinner through the word, or that advocates any other influence of the Spirit but through the word, *is the man who denies the Spirit of God!* EDITOR.

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JEWISH AGE.—NO. III.

NEXT to the *constitution* or natural compact at Sinai was the institution of the symbolic worship. The Jewish religion is a wonderful display of Divine wisdom, goodness, and condescension to the wants and circumstances of mankind. No infidel ever understood it, no man can understand it and doubt the Divine truth of christianity. To lay down a diagram in figures, which should one thousand five hundred years afterwards, and not before, be read and understood, by millions of human beings as plain as a literal description could be, containing a whole volume in the compass of a single sheet, exhibits such an insight into futurity, as no human being ever did or ever could possess. Suppose that some person were to pretend to be divinely inspired and commissioned, and, in the mean time, would afford to the living indubitable proofs of his mission by a stupendous display of Almighty power, but designing to have the same credit with posterity a thousand years hence, that he has with the living, how would he most likely obtain the credit? The evidences which, when *living*, he presents, he cannot present when dead. Let him, however, leave behind him any work which when examined shall be found to contain a knowledge of future events and developements, which no human being could possess, this knowledge being as supernatural as a power which could lift the mountains, must afford equal proof to all who examine it, as the mira-