

redemption of the Lord's people, that their surety should bear all their divine wrath, which was due on account of their sin. All the sins of the saved in all places and in all ages of the world, were charged on Christ as their surety. And could the infinitely holy and righteous God behold such a deluge of iniquity, that abominable thing, which he hateth, without manifesting his fore displeasure? Or how could the surety make full satisfaction for it by punishment, without a painful sense of the inconceivable wrath, which it deserved?

Spiritual death consists in the absence of God's comfortable presence, and in sensations of divine wrath. This will make it easy to account for the prodigious consternation of the Son of God. His God had forsaken him, and he was now to tread the wine-press of his Father's wrath alone. This was the time, when no created arm was strong enough to give the blow, it therefore pleased the Lord to bruise him, *the Most High God bent his bow like an enemy, and stood like an adversary*. The prophet's description of the anguish of his Soul is therefore not to be wondered at. *Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger*, Lam. i. 12. It was this inexpressible anguish, which wrung from his breaking heart, that lamentable exclamation, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

HERE are the ingredients of the curse of the broken covenant, which the Son of God endured, *shame of the cross, pains of death, suspension of the divine presence*, which is spiritual death, and terrible sensations of *divine wrath*. All these, even the whole punishment due to the sins of his people, did the Son of God endure.

ALL the wrath due to every sinner redeemed FROM AMONG men, which, had it been executed on the offenders, would have continued them in everlasting misery, was contracted into one inconceivable dreadful blaze; and at once, poured out upon their interposing SURETY.

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