

being joined to the Lord, you become disjoined from the condemning law. "You become dead to the law, through the body of Christ, (i. e., his dead body,) and are married to another even to him, who is raised from the dead."

The next in order is:

"BEZER, in the wilderness upon the plain, out of the tribe of Reuben." Bezer, signifies "fortified;" This Bezer would be well adapted for all the ends of safety. Many of the cities of antiquity were fortified cities, as there was a continuous apprehension of danger from without. The petty kings and rulers of the nations were possessed by a strong desire for conquest. And each sought to aggrandise himself at the expense of his neighbour. But this Bezer would be fortified in the arrangement of God. It was by his appointment that these six cities were constituted places of refuge for the manslayer. God was the king of the Jews, and his institutions must be kept inviolate. Bezer, therefore, would be a strong place, as it was surrounded by the arrangement of the great King, and to attempt to enter that city to lay hands on the manslayer who had fled thither, was to be guilty of an act of rebellion against the divine ruler. The Lord may be called "Bezer," "a fortified place." His atonement is a strong place. And it is this by the arrangement of God. He has appointed that the sacrifice of the Redeemer shall be a place of safety for the sinner. The faithfulness of Jehovah is round about it. The manslayer must have been delivered from fear, when he remembered that he was in the fortified place in the wilderness. It might be strong in its architecture, but it was stronger far as included in the scheme of refuge. So the sinner and the propitiation. The man who is in this Bezer, must be delivered from fear. He says of the Lord. "He is my refuge and my fortress." No institution of God can fail as to its end. No, let God be true, though every man should prove a liar. There can be no fear in the heart of him who is in God, but the fear of his Son, the fear of offending against that King who has given such a price for his deliverance. Those who are in this fortified place will be delivered from the fear of death. The question is not, am I strong? but is the Lord strong? Is he able to save me from every enemy? Yes! he is able, and, he is also willing to save unto the very uttermost, all that come unto God through him. Do you realize, reader, that the Lord is your *Bezer*? No enemy can make a breach