

hath respect to His Spirit, the great applier of the covenant blessing, and executor of the testament. Why then the strength of the plea is, "Have respect to the covenant"; that is, have respect to Thine own Spirit that He may get the glory of applying, by His power, what Christ hath purchased by His blood.

VI. We shall make some application of this subject.

1. Hence, see a mark and character of true believers. They are of God's mind. He hath a respect to the covenant, and they have a respect unto the covenant, and hence they know what it is to plead with God upon the respect He hath to the covenant. They could not do so if they had not a high respect for it themselves. They have such a respect to it in kind as God hath. . . . They have such an everlasting respect to the covenant, that when they have nothing in the world to hold to, they will hang by the covenant, and hold fast such a promise, and plead upon it, saying, "Have respect to the covenant."

2. Hence we see the misery of those that are