

the first and second Adam. The first Adam, however, was a mere man in every condition ; when he was in paradise, when ejected from it, and after he had obtained grace : nor can our first father be any thing greater than man even in glory. But the second Adam is the Lord from heaven, and that quickening spirit who is the life of all them who put their trust in him. The result of these remarks terminates in this, had not our mediator been a MAN, he could not have redeemed us unto God ; and had he not been IMMANUEL, our redemption must have ceased for ever.

Some indeed, have thought it indecent to say, God could not have redeemed sinners without the death of Christ ; and, when we consider, that our salvation was not necessary, but is of grace, it does not become us to limit the holy One of Israel. But, on the other side of the question, it may be observed, had there been ten thousand ways in which the elect might have been saved, they were all of them, perfectly known to the Almighty, and that every other way but this, he