

and I shall be unusually surprised if any evidence can be collected in favour of *offered grace*. Things need only examining.

Ps. cxlv. 9. "*The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.*"

I have selected this portion of scripture, because it is uniformly pressed into the service of freewillers, in order to destroy absolute and sovereign grace, as settled on the elect by immutable fixation, in the exalted person of Immanuel: "who is the first-born among many brethren; the beginning of the creation of God; and head over all things to his church, which is his body, the fulness of him who filleth all in all."

The plain idea which the words exhibit, is this: *the goodness and mercy of God are commensurate with his works*. By his works must be meant, either those of nature or grace, or both of them united. If those of *nature*, there is no doubt but what his eye watches the safety, and his hand supplies the need of every living thing; we are assured that he hears the ravens when they cry, and gives to them their meat in due season.

And we are certain that he sees and governs all things, from the moss in Finland, to the cedar in Lebanon; the chinkling fragments of rocks, detached, by the crumbling chisel of time from their tenacious position, are viewed by him with as much intensesness as the mountain of Vesuvius. His providence embraces all things, from the sparkling diamond, to the common pebble in a gravel heap. From the leviathan that sports in the mighty deep, to the animalcule which floats at large in a single drop of the same element. From the lion that bounds the forest, to the ephemeron that receives its existence from a fluvialic grub, deposits its eggs in a uliginous substance, and complete its existence within the space of five hours. Every link in the vast chain of creation, is known, seen, and cared for, by the prolific author of nature; from Gabriel who floats in golden rays of bliss around the eternal throne, to the humble insect that basks beneath the shade of an imperceptible hair. All fall within the range of his govern-