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The subject of the Intercession of our Lord and Saviour engages the attention of some Christians more than others, and especially of those who deem themselves peculiarly *evangelical*. It is not a doctrine presented in the Scriptures very prominently, the Intercession of Jesus being only mentioned *in two places* in the New Testament. But on these two passages large and extraordinary, and, as we think, very extravagant, conclusions have been founded. Before proceeding to consider what *the Scriptures* really set forth in these passages, and in others which bear upon our subject, it may be well to take a glance at what *preachers* generally understand from the above two passages, beginning with the *fall of man*, and *its consequences*, as described by them.

Man, say they, having disobeyed the command which he received from God the *first Person*, *that* Divine Person thereon declared his *unchangeable* decree, that the sin should be punished with eternal torment, and not only in the persons of those who committed it, but in the persons also of the countless myriads who should form their posterity, all of whom should be subjected to "everlasting burning," *because* "THEY all sinned IN Adam!" Although this decision does not agree with any *human* ideas of justice, yet, as "God's thoughts are not as our thoughts," it has been considered *possible*, judging from doctrines taught upon the subject, that *his justice may be* the very opposite to human justice, and *may exactly resemble* what, amongst men, is deemed injustice, and that it nevertheless may still really be divine justice;—and thus, that what is injustice with man may be justice with God. But it is not our purpose to discuss this point, therefore we proceed with our statement of the so-called evan-