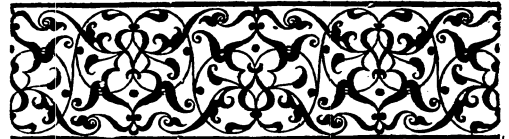


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SERMON I.

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*He that hath suffered in the Flesh, hath ceased from Sin.*

A  O great a flatterer is Man of himself, that from all kind of Events, how various soever, he will adventure to conclude himself in the right way to *Blessedness*; and rather than want Argument, contradictions shall conspire to make him happy: If he prosper, then *God allows his doings*; and the success of actions is his *mark and Seal*, that they are acceptable and dear to him: And if this Argument be good, The *Tribe of Benjamin while it conquer'd* (as they did *Conquer* those that fought *Gods Battles*; and that by his immediate *commission*): yet all that while, those *Sodomites* and *foul Adulterers*, the men of *Gibeab* were *Saints*; But when calamity does take away this Argument, then on the other side the *Gibbet*; though the punishment of *Villany*, is only execution of that Decree, whereby *God hath predestin'd* them, *To be conform'd to the Image of his Son*. As if they died most like *Christ*, who died with the most *Guilt* about them,

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\* Judges, 20.  
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