
TRUE EXPLANATIONS

OF THE

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Sunday Afternoon, September 23, 1804.

JOANNA began this morning, as soon as she had breakfasted, to read through *Samuel*, and could not avoid pondering in her heart, how David, that was such a chosen man of the Lord, and to whom such great blessings were promised, should have such wicked Sons; and yet she was clearly convinced in her own mind, that it was no cunningly devised fable of David's to say it; because our Saviour himself speaks so highly of him. She likewise thought upon Jacob's Sons; how great the Promise was made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and yet what vices were in Jacob's Sons! All these things appeared marvellous in her eyes: but here comes

THE ANSWER OF THE LORD.

“JOANNA, I shall answer the ponderings of thy heart. All these are TYPES OF THE CREATION, TYPES OF THE FALL, and TYPES OF THE REDEMPTION. Here are mysteries thou canst not understand; but I shall explain them unto thee; and begin with the Creation. What a Promise did I make to Man at first; and what blessings did I set before him! In whose likeness did I say I created him? and in what Paradise did I place him, if he had continued to obey my command? But where did Adam fall? and what followed the Fall? Was not Adam the original progenitor of all men that I created, to be fruitful, to multiply, and to replenish

the earth? and said, I had formed him in my own likeness? But after his Fall, what did Cain do? Then why dost thou marvel so much about David's sons? Was not Adam as greatly formed as David? Was not I his Maker? And do I not call myself the Father of all men? Yet what followed on in the posterity of the children, here I shall explain to thee, in the children of David. As David was the father of his children, that rose up in rebellion against him, just so am I the common PARENT of all men; and thou mayest as well marvel how men rise up in rebellion against their God, as marvel how David's sons rose up in rebellion against him: and thou mayest as well marvel how mankind can be so wicked, when every BLESSING they receive is from ME; and yet see what rebellion there is in the world against ME. Do not men rise up in open violence against ME, and want to take the power out of my hand, if they could; as much as Absalom rose up against David, and wanted to take the throne from him? Now I shall answer thee from thy pondering heart. Thou thoughtest so great a Promise, as was made to David, his sons must have been the best of men, he being anointed a chosen servant of mine; but I tell thee, No. These chosen servants shew the Type of Man in the Creation; what they were created for; and what their children departed from, like David's sons. How could I compare David with MYSELF if it were otherwise? Is it not written, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against ME? And so did David's children rebel against him: for the children of David are throughout the land, and have been in every age of the world, as rebellious against ME, that am the common PARENT of all men, as David's sons were against him; and their vices and cruelty one against the other, as David's sons were one against the other. So marvel not, if the children, where the promises were made great to the parents, whom thou judgest