

Eſau is mentioned as a child red all over, like a hairy garment: in Eſau is represented the natural will of man. In preparing the water of ſeparation, a red heifer without blemiſh, on which there had been no yoke, was to be ſlain, and her blood ſprinkled by the prieſt ſeven times toward the tabernacle of the congregation: then her ſkin, her fleſh, and all pertaining to her, was to be burnt without the camp; and of her aſhes the water was prepared. Thus the crucifying the old man, or natural will, is represented; and hence comes a ſeparation from that carnal mind, which is death.

“ He who toucheth the dead body of a
 “ man, and purifieth not himſelf with the
 “ water of ſeparation, he defileth the taber-
 “ nacle of the Lord; he is unclean.” Numb.
 xix. 13.

If any, through the love of gain, go forth into buſineſs, wherein they dwell as amongſt the tombs, and touch the bodies of thoſe who are dead: if theſe, through the infinite love of God, feel the power of the croſs of Chriſt to crucify them to the world, and therein learn humbly to follow the divine leader:—here is the judgment of this world—here the prince of this world is caſt out.

The water of ſeparation is felt; and tho’ we have been amongſt the ſlain, and thro’ the deſire of gain have touched the dead body of a man; yet, in the purifying love of
 Chriſt,