

be no Dispensation ; but 'tis as certain that they were both pardon'd, because many Years afterwards, they went down into *Egypt* with their Father *Jacob*, and died there.

Neither did this Law bind *David* and the *Jews* in his time ; for if it had, he who was the best of Kings, and a Man after God's own Heart, could not have transgressed it in pardoning *Abolom* for a Murder.

About Eight hundred Years after this Law given to *Noah*, there was another very severe Law, given by God to *Moses*, and by him to the Children of *Israel* in these words (*viz.*) *Ye shall take no satisfaction for the Life of a Murderer, which is guilty of Death, but he shall surely be put to Death.*

Now these *Mosaical* Laws, were either Ceremonial or Judicial, and given by God, for the better Government of other *Jews*, and therefore bound only them to whom they were given and made known ; therefore they never bound the *Gentiles* before the coming of our Saviour, nor the Christians since, and the Obligation of the Ceremonial Law ceased, even to the *Jews* themselves, at the death of our Saviour : And the Obligation of the Judicial Law ceased at the Destruction of *Jerusalem*, when the *Jewish* Common-wealth, was utterly destroyed ; so that 'tis plain, a Law not in being cannot be binding.

Neither did the Moral Law prohibit Princes from pardoning Murder ; for that Law was written in the Heart of *Adam* at the Creation, who had a Will to follow the Dictates of right Reason, but by his Fall, it was defaced both in him, and all his Posterity ; therefore God by *Moses* gave to his own People the *Jews*, the whole Substance of that Law ; and this he did in the ten Commandments, and added the Promises of his Blessing to those who ob-