

observed, and Punishments to those who transgressed against them.

But these Laws did never oblige the *Gentiles*, for that St. Paul tells us, they (*viz.*) the *Gentiles* who had not the Law, do by Nature the things contained in the Law. Where by the word *Nature*, is meant, they do those things which are written in their Hearts by Nature, (*i. e.*) by the moral Law, for no positive Law whatsoever was, or can be written in the Heart of Man by Nature.

As the Laws themselves, so the Promises and Punishments annexed to them, were given only to the *Jews*, and this will plainly appear by the following Instances.

The Promise added to the fifth Commandment, (*viz.*) Honour thy Father, and thy Mother, that thy days may be long in the Land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee; (*i. e.*) the Land of Canaan, for that was promised and given only to the *Jews*.

The Laws to which Punishments were annexed, were not moral, but positive Laws, and those were given to the *Jews*, to whom they were given after they came out of *Egypt*, and above 2450 Years after the fall of *Adam*; for if they had been moral Laws, they would have bound all Men from the Creation to this time, and so eternally; but 'tis evident they do not; and this is by the Judgment and Consent of all the Christian World.

As for Instance; by the *Mosaical* Law, he who cursed or smited his Father or Mother, or who would not obey them, was to die; and so was he, who did any Work on the *Sabbath*: But this was never done amongst Christians; tho' the Law of *Moses* is very positive, that the one shall be stoned to Death, and that the other shall surely die.

The very same words are in the Law for punishing a Murderer, (*viz.*) He shall surely die. Now