Terms, whereupon their Pardon was ſuſpended. In Order to this, they were to be reſcued from the Ignorance and Prejudice, the Corruption of their Morals, and of their religious Worſhip, wherein the *Sun of Righteouſneſs* found them miſerably intangled. But great were the Difficulties of diſpelling a Darkneſs *ſo* thick, that the Perſons bewildered in it were utterly inſenſible of their wanting Light, nay, even boaſted of their *Knowledge*, though unable to diſcern between Good and Evil. Nor was it eaſy to remove the Prepoſſeſſions which favoured an Intereſt quite oppoſite to the Goſpel: For Education and Cuſtom, did, *both*, withſtand it; *the Pride of Life* would hardly ſtoop to a Teacher of our Saviour's Figure, who, though he had wiſe *Reaſons* for appearing under lowly Circumſtances, yet, found his Commiſſion the more diſputed for them, by ſuch as entered not into the Force of thoſe Reaſons, and who argued for themſelves upon the common Topicks of worldly Wiſdom: But above all, the Luſts of Men combined to form the moſt powerful Intereſt againſt a Doctrine, which, if ſucceſsful, was likely to lay them under ſuch ſevere Reſtraints. To curb the moſt indulged and favoured Paſſions, was a Precept of difficult Digeſtion; and to enter upon the Service of a Maſter, whoſe Pay was, all of it, then, in Reverſion, with the apparent Hazard of ſacrificing to it each preſent Convenience, was a Task which required very ſtrong Convictions, and very ſteady Reſolutions to carry Men thro' it. The