

which is absolutely superb and supreme. "Paradise Regained" is just as fine as any of the rest of "Paradise Lost" but in "Paradise Regained", which I have read through though I have not read "Paradise Lost", Milton shows the temptation of Christ and he shows Christ meeting same and repelling the temptation and he gives a very vivid picture of it. And it is interesting I think to see how similar is the temptation which Satan gave Christ and which Christ stood to the temptation which Satan gave to Adam and in which Adam fell. Adam was to become like God, to get the power of accomplishment, building up and tearing down ~~WORKS~~ through doing what Satan advised, which was against the command of God. Christ was called upon by Satan to use His divine power in order to make an immediate showing and to get immediate results by unspiritual means. He was to go up to the top of the temple and throw himself off because the angels had promised they would lift Him up in their hands lest He dash His foot against a stone. And Satan showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and said, "All this will I give you if you will bow down and worship me." And the temptation to secure power, to secure great ability, great control which could be used for good purposes - the temptation to do that by ungodly means and contrary to get a good thing by bad means - was the temptation given to Christ which he stood. And I believe it was the very temptation which was given to Adam and which Adam fell. So much then for the Covenant of Works. I don't think we'll be able today to start number 5 which is Man In the State of Sin -  
a - The Nature of Sin <sup>3</sup>.