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 be to him a Father, and   
 and he shall be to me as a son? he shall be to me a Son?   
 6 But when he again hath introduced © And again, when he   
   
   
 me, Thou art my Father... . Also I Incarnate Son of Man, when Jesus assumed   
 will make him my firstborn, higher than the divine nature on the side of his Dfan-   
 the kings of the earth’]:—namely, by hood also: so Chrysostom, Theodoret,   
 setting Thee on the throne of my people: Eusebins, Cyril Alex., and others. 3) A   
 and the term this day will most naturally third, to the period when Jesus was mani-   
 be referred to the time of the anointing of fested to men as the Son of God, i-e. by   
 the King on Zion, as the act whereby he most, to the time of the Resurrection, with   
 was manifested as Son of God in this reference to Acts xiii. 33, where St. Paul   
 sense.” And so Calvin. The above re- alleges this citation as thus applying [s0,   
 marks seem pertinent and unobjectionable, recently, Delitzsch]: by some, to that of   
 as long as we regard them as explaining the Ascension, when He was set at the   
 the supposed immediate reference to David right hand of God and entered on His   
 and present cireumstances: but it is heavenly High Priesthood [ch. v. Si 80   
 that, according to the above view of Ps. ilary, Calvin, Grotius, the   
 and indeed to the usage of the New Test., Socinians. Owen also takes the same   
 in applying this passage to our Lord, view [“the eternal generation of Christ,   
 want another and a higher sense in which on which His filiation sonship, both name   
 both the words, I have begotten, and this and thing, doth depend, is to be taken   
 day, may be applicable to Him : a sense in only declaratively, and that: declaration to   
 which I should be disposed to say that the he ‘made in His resnrrection, and exalta-   
 words must in their fulness of meaning be tion over all, that ensued thereon”). Of   
 taken, to the neglect and almost the oblite- these interpretations, I agree with Bleck   
 ration of that their supposed lower refer- that the Jirst is that which best agrees   
 ence. For, granting the application of with the'context. The former verses re-   
 such sayings to our Lord, then must the present to us the Son of God as standing   
 terms of them, suggested by the Holy in this relation to the Father before the   
 Spirit of prophecy, which is His testimony, worlds: and ver. 6, which plainly forms a   
 bear adequate interpretations as regards contrast to this ver. 5 as to time, treats   
 His person and office. It has not there- distinctly of the period of the Incarnation.   
 fore been without reason that the Fathers, It is natural then to suppose that this   
 and so many modern divines, have found verse is to be referred to a time prior to   
 in this term I have begotten the doctrine that event) ? And again (how is the ellipsis   
 of the generation of the Son of God, and here to be supplied? Probably, and [to   
 have endeavoured, in accordance with such whom of the angels ever said He} again:   
 reference, to assign a fitting eonse to this or perhaps, again [sce below on yer. 6]   
 day. As the subject is exceedingly im- merely serves to introduce a fresh cita-   
 portant, and has been generally passed over tion), I will be Him as (for) a father,   
 slightly by our English expositors, I shall he shall be to meas (for) a son (the   
 need no apology for gathering from Bleck is from the Septuagint, as usual. It oc-   
 and Snuicer the opinions and testimonies curs in the prophecy of Nathan to David   
 concerning it. 1) One view refers this respecting David's ‘offspring who should   
 day to the eternal generation of the Son, come after him. The import of it has been   
 and regards it as an expression of the ever- above considered, and its connexion with   
 lasting present of eternity. Thus Origen Ps. ii. shown to be probable. The direct,   
 very grandly says, “This is said to Him by primary reference of the words to Solomon,   
 God, with whom ‘ to-day ’ ever is + 1 Chron. xxii. 7—10, not in any way   
 for with God, as I think, is no evening, preclude the view which I have there   
 because neither is there morning, but the taken of their finding their higher and   
 time which reaches, so to speak, over His only worthy fulfilment in the greater Son   
 unbegotten and eternal life, is an ever- of David, should build the only Temple   
 lasting ‘to-day,’ in which the Son is in which God would really dwell)?   
 begotten : no beginning of His being be- 6.] But (because a further proof, and amore   
 gotten being found, as neither of this decisive one as regards the angels, is about   
 \*to-day’” And so Athanasius, Augustine, to be adduced) when He again (or, “ when   
 and other Fathers and moderns. 2) A again He?” Yoos again introduce a   
 second, to the generation, ix ¢ime, of the new citation, or does it belong to the