

<sup>1</sup>Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?<sup>2</sup> Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof.<sup>3</sup> They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.<sup>4</sup> They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.<sup>5</sup> Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children.<sup>6</sup> They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.<sup>7</sup> They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.<sup>8</sup> They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.<sup>9</sup> They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.<sup>10</sup> They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry;<sup>11</sup> Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.<sup>12</sup> Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.<sup>13</sup> They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.<sup>14</sup> The murderer rising

with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.<sup>15</sup> The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face.<sup>16</sup> In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.<sup>17</sup> For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.<sup>18</sup> He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.<sup>19</sup> Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have sinned.<sup>20</sup> The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.<sup>21</sup> He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.<sup>22</sup> He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure of life.<sup>23</sup> Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes are upon their ways.<sup>24</sup> They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.<sup>25</sup> And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?