

<sup>1</sup>O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.<sup>2</sup>Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.<sup>3</sup>LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?<sup>4</sup>How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?<sup>5</sup>They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.<sup>6</sup>They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.<sup>7</sup>Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it .<sup>8</sup>Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?<sup>9</sup>He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?<sup>10</sup>He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know ?<sup>11</sup>The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;<sup>13</sup>That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.<sup>14</sup>For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.<sup>15</sup>But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.<sup>16</sup>Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?<sup>17</sup>Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.<sup>18</sup>When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.<sup>19</sup>In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy

comforts delight my soul.<sup>20</sup> Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?<sup>21</sup> They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.<sup>22</sup> But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.<sup>23</sup> And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea , the LORD our God shall cut them off.