

<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?