

¹O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.²Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.³LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?⁴How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?⁵They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.⁶They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.⁷Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it .⁸Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?⁹He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?¹⁰He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know ?¹¹The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.¹²Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out

of thy law;¹³That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.¹⁴For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.¹⁵But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.¹⁶Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?¹⁷Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.¹⁸When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.¹⁹In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.²⁰Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?²¹They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.²²But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.²³And 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.