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PROVERBS XIV. 34.

*RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION; BUT SIN
IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.*

SOLOMON, the inspired Author of the Book of Proverbs, was peculiarly favoured by the Almighty. At an early period of life, he was raised to a splendid throne; but his heart was not elated with this dignity, nor was the ardour of his affection to God abated.

For we read that at this time "Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father."—"And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there—a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. In Gibeon, the Lord appeared unto Solomon in a dream by night: And God said, Ask what I shall give thee." *

* 1 Kings III. 3—5.