

the perplexities of God's providence to individuals in this life, will be set right ; his ways fully justified, and virtue will triumph in its turn.

But on this subject we are not left to mere speculative reasoning, however conclusive. The dispensations of God towards nations, and his express declarations, are clear and decided on the point.

Look into the book of God. Read the history of that people whom he chose for his own. You will find that their prosperity and adversity, their happiness and misery bore an exact proportion to their virtue and vice. While they were obedient, and served the Almighty, they flourished and prospered : When they turned from God, and became wicked, they were also miserable—vengeance pursued them. How was that nation exalted, when the sceptre was swayed by monarchs, whose exemplary conduct diffused a spirit of piety through the whole mass of people?—Oh ! that royal example were thus imitated—were thus effectual to promote piety, in our days !—But when prince and people abandoned the Almighty, and acted in defiance of his laws,