

ready to relieve and deliver them out of all their Troubles. But whenever they lived, and continued in the Ways of Virtue, Piety and Obedience, the certain Consequence was some signal Distinction of the divine Favour and Protection. If at War, they were successful and triumphant; if in Peace, the Blessings of Plenty, Union and Harmony attended them, and the choicest Gifts of Heaven were poured down upon them. But too often when *Jeshurun waxed fat, then he forsook the God that made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his Salvation.* At length the Repetitions of their Wickednesses were so frequent, their Provocations so insulting, that God in his highest Displeasure cast them off; and as the worst of Punishments, and the heaviest of Judgments, He finally gave them up to follow their own Wills and Inclinations; inevitable Ruin was soon the Consequence: and their own unparalleled