

We trust, that all lovers of truth and advocates of justice, who must naturally desire to avoid a breach of the precept, that commands them NOT to bear false witness against their neighbour, will ponder on the following solemn declarations of the Holy Ghost, and avoid the crimes of calumny and detraction therein condemned:—

“ But if you have bitter zeal, and there be contentions in your hearts; glory not, and be not liars against the truth.

“ For this is not wisdom, descending from above: but earthly, sensual, devilish.

“ For where envying and contention is, there is inconstancy, and every evil work.

“ But the wisdom, that is from above, first indeed is chaste, then peaceable, modest, easy to be persuaded, consenting to the good, full of mercy and good fruits, without judging, without dissimulation.

“ And the fruit of justice is sown in peace, to them that make peace.”—ST. JAMES, ch. iii., ver. 14 to 18.

“ Thou hatest all the workers of iniquity: thou wilt destroy all that speak a lie.

“ The bloody and the deceitful man the Lord will abhor.

“ For there is no truth in their mouth: their heart is vain.

“ Their throat is an open sepulchre: they dealt deceitfully with their tongues: judge them, O God.

“ Let them fall from their devices: according to the multitude of their wickednesses cast them out: for they have provoked thee, O Lord.”—PSALM v., ver. 7, 10, 11.

“ Behold he hath been in labour with injustice: he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth iniquity.

“ He hath opened a pit and dug it: and he is fallen into the hole he made.

“ His sorrow shall be turned on his own head: and his iniquity shall come down upon his crown.”—PSALM vii., ver. 15 to 17.