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In the same Apostle's first letter to Timothy, (ii. 1 and 2,) he says, "I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for *Kings* and for all that are in authority; that they may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty."

In addressing an Epistle to Titus, the same illustrious apostle enjoins upon him to put those under his charge in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, and to be ready to every good work. And in a former part of the epistle, from whence our text is selected, (13 and 14,) St. Peter says, "submit yourselves to every ordinance of man, for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the *King, as supreme*, or unto Governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well;" and in the verse of our text, he says:—"Honour all men—Love the Brotherhood—Fear God—Honour the *King*." Where, then, is there the slightest ground for exception to the duty of loyalty? Do not the passages which I have already quoted—and there are many others on the subject, in the Bible—prove in the plainest and most comprehensive language, that we are *bound as a duty*—a high and holy duty, because enjoined by God Himself—to *pay allegiance to our King or Queen*, as the case may be,—to that monarch whom Providence may think fit to entrust with the reins of our country's Government.

But, not only is Holy Scripture most expressively clear on this duty, but also therein have we remarkable instances throughout, of a *rebellious spirit* meeting, not only with the disapprobation, but the actual *punishment* of the Almighty!

The very fact recorded of our first parent's *rebellion* against his Creator and Sovereign's injunctions, ought to be sufficient to strike with awe those who would dare indulge in the exercise of a like obstinate and sinful principle! The wicked antediluvians become more and more hardened and *insubordinate*; and they perish beneath the awful deluge, which the anger of a just God poured