

their lofty wall upon the army of the Israelities, and could defy their attacks. Who could scale such high walls? Who could break open such massive gates? And no doubt, as day followed day, and they found there was no attempt made on the part of the Israelites to take the city, they became more settled and firm in their confidence; they thought themselves more secure than ever against their deadly foes. And so it is with the world; "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." (Eccles. viii. 11.) Because God has been long-suffering in His dealings with the earth, and has not visited upon man at once the deserved judgment on account of his sins, therefore men take occasion to say there is no judgment coming. And what did the Israelites do with respect to Jericho? They did not attempt to