

the manner in which those were punished who raised the sword against the King. When the Amalekite had slain Saul, David on hearing the melancholy news rent his clothes; and he said to the young man (the Amalekite) "how wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the Lord's anointed? And David called one of the young men and said, go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. And David said unto him, thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, Saying, I have slain the Lord's anointed."

Again in the book of Exodus we have Moses laying down, amongst the laws which the Israelites were to observe, *that of submitting to Supreme authority.*

He there (xxii chap.) says "Thou shalt not curse the *ruler* of thy people." And again Solomon, the wisest of men and the last of the Kings of the "*United Monarchy*," says (in Ecclesiastes x. 20) "Curse not the *King*, no not in thy thought: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter; and in the book of Proverbs he says to his Son (xxiv. 21) "Fear thou the Lord and the *King*; and meddle not with them that are given to change."

Instances, almost numberless, might be further adduced to prove the obedience, or allegiance, due to the Sovereign, not only from the books already named but also from those portions of the old Testament which give us the history of the *separate* Kings of Judah and of Israel; as well as of the whole Jewish people until the period of our blessed Lord's nativity.

But it is our duty, in justice to our subject, to see what is said on the duty of loyalty in the *New Testament* records. And here, in the very opening Gospel, have we the command of our Saviour himself:—"Render, (He says,) unto *Cæsar* the things which are *Cæsar's*; and unto God the things which are God's."

St. Paul tells the Romans, (xiii. 1,) to "let every soul be subject unto the *higher* powers." For, (he says,) "there is no power but of God: the powers that be, are ordained of God. Whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist, shall receive to themselves damna-