

bear to "chasten us in his wrath," or
 "visit us in his hot displeasure." What
 created being, alas! is able to stand be-
 fore Omnipotence incensed? When
 the measure of the sinner's iniquities is
 full, and he endeavours not, by penitence
 and reformation, to cancel his transgres-
 sions, or to appease the Judge of the
 world, if that GOD, whom he appears
 to brave, but raise his voice, in indigna-
 tion, for a moment, certain destruction
 overtakes him: sudden and fearful as
 falls the thunderbolt from heaven. Not
 on us, O Lord, not on us, sinners, we
 confess, but repentant sinners, let the
 weight of thine indignation fall. We
 confess, with sorrow, our sins, and hum-
 bly deprecate thy wrath. O thou first
 and last, thou greatest and best of beings,
 what are we? blind, feeble, and erring
 mortals, creatures of yesterday: who, to-
 morrow, shall mingle with the dust from
 which we sprung; what are we that
 thou shouldst chasten us in thine anger?

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