

lows thousands and tens of thousands of her children in an instant.

Thus we see that God will not be mocked ; but as he first gave power to this agent, when called upon to do so, by man's transgression ; so will He continue to uphold his authority, until all the righteous plans of mercy are accomplished, and Death shall universally be swallowed up in Christian victory.

Let me not, however, be misunderstood, as if I were leading you to suppose, we can at once discover the whole design of infinite Wisdom, in every wonderful visitation of God—It is a mistake, similar to this, which encourages the visionary enthusiast, with very unbecoming boldness, to apply every remarkable interference of Providence to some specific and minute intention, as if the whole counsel of Heaven were opened for his personal information. Rather let us reverently believe, that numerous objects, and perhaps of more importance than any which our limited sight can discover, may be intended, whenever it pleases the Almighty to visit the children of men, in any remarkable manner—And it will be a duty, in perfect unison with such lowly reverence, to make every manifestation of His power instrumental to our improvement in righteousness : an employment not only safe and profitable upon all occasions, but even necessary for the most pious and devout.

A plain and obvious inference from the observations before us, is this—That it is incumbent upon us to consider death, in every visit to our little circle of

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