

2dly, How justly we have deserved to be visited with *Adversity*, on account of our sins.

“ WHEN the judgments of God are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world” ought to “ learn righteousness ” We ought thoroughly to examine our ways, and to humble ourselves, in the sight of the Lord, on account of our sins, if happily his judgments may be removed, and the threatening clouds dispersed.

THE cause of national calamities is generally to be ascribed to national sins. This is the sentence of the Lord respecting the kingdom of David, as expressed in the 89th Psalm, 30th verse: “ If his Children forsake my law, and walk not “ in my judgments; if they break my statutes, “ and keep not my commandments; then will I “ visit their transgressions with the rod, and their “ iniquities with stripes.”——Let it not be our confidence that the enemy is more unrighteous, and more deserving of punishment than we. It is the way of God, in the course of his providence, frequently to make use of the more wicked, as the
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