

of it your eye can see; seasons return, day follows night, all goes on as ever, and yet the sentence is passed. You are living in a world that is under judgment. Fearful thought! At any moment judgment may come; certain it is, it will come when men least expect it. "The day of the Lord will come as a *thief in the night*: in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Peter iii. 10.)

But before Jericho was destroyed, Joshua sent "two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there." (Josh. ii. 1.)

Alarm at the judgments of God, of which they had heard, had indeed taken hold of all the inhabitants of the land, but it was a terror soon forgotten; and so