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ECCLESIASTES vii. 14.

In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

HAD mankind sufficient confidence in the governing power and wisdom of Providence, we should not see them so much elated by prosperity as they sometimes are, not so apt to complain of adversity. Sensible of their own dependence, they would ascribe the whole to God, who judgeth and ruleth all with infinite goodness: They would rejoice in his dominion, and meekly submit to his will.

“ IT is not in man that walketh to direct his

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