

and like fuller's soap. If the righteous scarcely be saved, where, O where shall the sinner and the ungodly appear?" AND LO, IT IS THE JUDGMENT DAY.

YE RULERS.

Stand up ye *Rulers*. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, the Rock thereof, (2 Sam. ch. 23. 3): "*He that ruleth over men must be just; ruling in the fear of God.*" Have ye obeyed the command? Why so much injustice and robbery on every side? Why are the innocent oppressed? Why do the guilty go free? Why are the laws you enact a cloak for transgressors, and a snare and a trap and destruction to the pure in heart? Why are the tax-gatherers multiplied, and the burdens increased to replenish the coffers of the rich, to sustain idleness, extravagance and corruption, amongst the drones you add to society, that you build up and establish as foundations for your own stability? Did ye do it in the "*fear of God*?" Ye greedy dogs, that never have enough; ye shepherds, that cannot understand; every one looking for gain. *Isai. ch. 56, 14.*

Look at those open doors to hell in every street. Who "*licensed*" those children of the Devil to deceive and pollute and destroy my people? saith the Lord of hosts. Who authorized you to sell your fellow men the *privilege* to "put the bottle to his neighbor's mouth, to teach that "*wormwood and gall*" is more precious than bread and meat, poisoning and burning with "*liquid fire*" the innocent babe at the breast, the loving mother in her habitation; also the ignorant, the thoughtless, and the wayward, in your midst? Did ye do it in the "*fear of God*," that ye, your satellites, and your paramours, might have wherewith to protract your bacchanalian revels? Thou didst know that seven-eighths of all the evil, iniquity and crime, had its origin in those synagogues of Satan. I declared unto you, "Woe, woe to him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth;" yet ye multiplied them that giveth his neighbor strong drink. Your end is to be burned.

Whence are those gains in thy hands—are they the savings of thy hire? Didst thou think that I am such an one as thou art that I could not see, that I would consent to your violation of your oaths of office, and to swearing falsely by name; that I did not know when you had one hand upon the "*spoils of office*" while the other was lifted to me in the strength of your perjured hearts? Hear ye the word of the Lord. All thy gains shall be

consumed. "even, the timber thereof and the stones thereof." And thus saith the King, the Lord of hosts, *Matt. ch. 23, 40, 41*, Verily I say unto you: Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. *Depart* from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. LO IT IS THE JUDGMENT DAY!

YE JUDGES.

Stand up ye Judges, ye who pervert justice, ye that have both made and sanctioned oppressive laws, that your "meat might be made plenteous," who base your decisions upon the "*precedents of men*," and heed not the law commanded to Moses, nor the statutes thereof. "I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins; ye afflict the just and take a bribe, and turn aside the poor from the gate. I will now require it at your hands, saith the Lord of hosts," for LO IT IS THE JUDGMENT DAY!

YE LAWYERS.

Stand up ye Lawyers; ye that laid men with burdens, but will not lift a finger to help bear them; ye that set every man against his neighbor; ye that rob for a fee, and strive to liberate the murderer for a reward; that deceive the innocent, and strengthen the hands of the guilty; who hunt every man for a prey. Ye work evil, ye know not to do right. Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Woe unto you, ye lawyers; depart from me ye children of the wicked one, into everlasting burnings. FOR LO IT IS THE JUDGMENT DAY!

USURERS.

Stand up ye usurers. "Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail;" "that buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes." Woe to you that devise iniquity, and work evil upon your beds, and practice it when the morning is light, because it is in the power of your hand. Ye covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away; and oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage. Ye have not done unto others as ye would that they should do unto you. Therefore, thus saith the Lord: Behold I devise an evil from which neither ye or your families shall escape. Your unrighteous gains shall be consumed, even the timbers thereof and the stones thereof. FOR LO IT IS THE JUDGMENT DAY!