

indeed, but closely connected:—That God always obtains the victory Himself:—And that He gives it to whom He pleases.

God always obtains the victory *Himself*: never did any successfully oppose *Him*. \* “Who ever hardened himself against God, and hath prospered?”

We read of rebel Angels, with Satan at their head, who being lifted up with pride, fell into the condemnation of the Devil. Satan was the first Rebel; the first who disdained subordination, despised Government, insulted his KING, and renounced his GOD: And the same levelling spirit still † “worketh in the children of disobedience.” He deceives and infatuates a distracted world; and under the specious names of *Liberty* and *Equality* introduces anarchy and confusion. These turbulent apostate Spirits, it seems, were not contented with their proper rank in the scale of beings; ‡ “they left their own habitations,” and were driven down, thunderstruck, into the abyss of irretrievable perdition. There they are reserved “in everlasting chains, under darkness, to the judgment of the great Day.” This is the first Victory which Revelation informs us the glorious God obtained over His enemies. *Michael* and his Angels, in the power of God, encountered the Dragon and his Angels: and the Rebel Host fell from Heaven, and their place is no more to be found. To this  
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\* *Job. ix, 4.* † *Eph. ii, 2.* ‡ *Juds 6.*