

time that the Israelites dwelt in Egypt. The place of his abode was in the land of Hus, a part of Edom, or bordering upon it. He was rich in worldly substance, but still more so in grace and virtue, having this character from the Spirit of God; that he was a *simple, sincere, innocent, and upright man fearing God, and departing from all evil*. God was pleased, for his trial, to permit Satan to strip him of all his substance at once, to cause all his flocks and herds to be driven away or destroyed; and to raise a storm, which blew down the house, and killed all his children whilst they were at dinner. Messenger after messenger brought to Job the news of all these disasters, who, upon hearing of them, *fell down upon the ground, and worshipped God, and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return to my mother earth: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; and as it hath pleased the Lord, so it is done: blessed be the name of the Lord*. For Job's farther trial, Satan was afterwards permitted to strike him with a grievous ulcer, from the sole of his foot even to the top of his head, accompanied by a dreadful complication of diseases and pains, all which he bore with an admirable patience, saying, *If we have received good things at the hand of God, why should we not receive evil?* His three friends, hearing of all the evil that had befallen him, came to visit him; but instead of comforting, only afflicted him the more, imputing all his sufferings to the crimes they falsely laid to his charge, and pretending, that God never afflicts the innocent. Job on his part maintained his own innocence as to all those pretended crimes, and appealed to the judgment of God. The Lord was pleased at length to pass sentence in his favour, by a voice from above; and to order his three friends to take

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