

sive, that those who allow it to remain unnoticed are without excuse. This is true, whether we survey the rise and fall of states and empires, and the revolutions of large masses of mankind, or confine attention to the narrow occurrences of private and individual life. In each of these cases, the controlling and over-seeing power is one and the same; and imply the continued protection and guidance of Him who holds the balances of the universe; with whom the past and future are alike, "while with a smile or with a frown, he manages the globe." It is worth notice, that when the laws of God are trampled on, the offenders generally augment their guilt, and add one sin to another, by calling in question his right or ability to govern the people whom he has made. One of the finest illustrations of this fact may be found in the conduct of the ancient Israelites. While they clave to the Lord, there was not a doubt, nor the shadow of it, respecting the supremacy of that power by which they were led through the great and terrible wilderness: but, when they forgot the rock of their salvation, when they "took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of their god Remphan, figures which they made to worship," their spiritual vision became dim, and having first offended the Almighty by breaking his law, they proceed to deny his right to rule.

Meantime, succeeding ages have combined to prove, that the superintendence of the Creator is