

feet are swift to shed blood. Destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace have they not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes." "Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance?" "God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?" Are there no elements of war within and around us?

IN COVETOUS MEN, &C. &C.

Paul to 2. Timothy, iii: 1—6, said, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, *truce breakers*, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away," "for which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience." (Col. iii: 6.) St. Peter also exhorted his brethren to "abstain from fleshly *lusts*, which *war* against the soul." (1. Pet. ii: 11.) And in his 2d epistle, iii: 3, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own *lusts*," &c. Similar testimony was given by others as they were moved by the Holy Spirit of truth.

Some of which follow upon self will and willingness, fear of man, deceit, oppression, intemperance, covetousness &c. &c.

SELF WILL.

"The man that *will* do presumptuously, and *will not* hearken, &c.—even that man shall die." Deut. xvii: 12. "Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy fathers, and serve him with a *perfect heart*, and with a willing mind." 1st Chron. xxviii: 9. "If there be first a *willing mind*, it is accepted," &c. 2 Cor. viii: 12.

THE FEAR OF MAN.

"The *fear of man* bringeth a snare." Prov xxix: 25. "*Fear ye not* the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings." Is. li: 7. "Who art thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of man that shall die?" Is. li: 12. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Ps. xxxiv: 7. "*Fear not* them which *kill* the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Mat. x: 28. "Fear not little flock; for it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke xii: 32.

DECEIT.

"And they will *deceive* every one his neighbor, and will not speak the *truth*." Jer. ix: 5. "He that worketh *deceit* shall not dwell within my house; he that *telleth lies* shall not tarry in my sight." Ps. ci: 7. "The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but *war* was in his heart." Ps. lv: 21 & 23. "Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days." Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." 2 Tim. iii: 13. "Beware lest men spoil you through philosophy and vain *deceit*." Col. ii: 8.

OPPRESSION.

"Behold the cry of the children of Israel is come up unto me; and I have also seen the *oppression* wherewith the Egyptians oppress them." Ex. iii: 9. "The prince that wanteth *understanding* is also a great *oppressor*; but he that hateth *covetousness* shall prolong his days." Prov. xxviii: 16. "Where is the *fury* of the oppressor?" Is. li: 13. "Ye have despised the poor. Do not *rich* men *oppress* you?" Jas. ii: 6. "Let not the *proud* oppress me." Ps. cxix: 122.

INTEMPERANCE.

"*Wine* is a *mock*er and *strong drink* is *raging*." Prov. xx: 1. "Who hath *woe*—*sorrow*—*contentions*—*babbling*—*wounds*—and *redness of eyes*?—They that go to seek *mixed wine*." Prov. xxiii: 29, 30. "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning,