

## Chapter 24

- 1 Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?
- 2 Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof.
- 3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.
- 4 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.
- 5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children.
- 6 They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.
- 7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.
- 8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.
- 9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.
- 10 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry;
- 11 Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.
- 12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.
- 13 They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.
- 14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.
- 15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face.
- 16 In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.
- 17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.
- 18 He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.
- 19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have sinned.
- 20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.
- 21 He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.
- 22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure of life.
- 23 Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes are upon their ways.
- 24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.
- 25 And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?