up from ver. 6. The whole difficulty has arisen from not rightly apprehending the force of the word **pangs** *as the death-throes of the end.*

**13.**] **for a testimony,** viz. of *your* faithfulness, and (Mark) against them.

**15.**] Luke only. **Gainsay** corresponds to **mouth,resist** to **wisdom.**

**16.**] **even by...** ‘not only by strangers’ Bengel.

**some of you**—i. e. of the Apostles. One of the four who heard this discourse  
discourse was put to death, Acts xii. 2.

**18.**] Not *literally*, but *really* true; not corporeally, but in that real and only *life* which the disciple of Christ possesses.

**19.**]**In your Patience** (i.e. by your endurance of all these things) **ye shall acquire**(not, *possess,* which is an ungrammatical rendering) **your souls:** this endurance being God’s appointed way, in and by which your salvation is to be put in your possession.

**acquire, as “find,”** Matt. xvi.25 — **“save,”** ch.ix.24.

**20.**] **being compassed** graphically sets forth the scene now before them, as it should then appear. On the variation of expression from Matthew and Mark, see note on Matthew, ver. 15.

**21.**] of it belongs to the “of it” (*thereof*) of ver. 20, and signifies not “of Judæa,” but *“of Jerusalem.”* **the fields** —not *“the countries,”* or *“the provinces.”*  
It is in the original the same word as our Lord uses in John iv.35, where He commands His disciples to lift up their eyes on the fields.

**22.**] **vengeance;** from this being the same word in the Greek, it is a hint perhaps at ch.xviii.8. The latter part  
of the verse alludes probably to the prophecy of Daniel, which St. Luke has omitted, but referred to in *“the desolation thereof”*ver. 20.

**23.**] **on the earth,** general — **for this people,** particular. The distres  
on all the earth is not so distinctly the  
result of the divine anger, as that which  
shall befall this nation.

**24.**] A most