hate the True God. Men do not then, as at the sixth  
seal, own one God only. They see intelligence in these  
plagues, but among the many gods, known or unknown,  
they do not feel sure which it is that is thus smiting  
them. They see there is war between their god and the  
author of these plagues. But they make certain of  
blaspheming the True God by characterizing Him as  
the author of their woes.  
 “They repented not to give Him glory.”  
 “Give glory to God because the hour of His vengeance  
is come,” was the demand of the first angel in  
chapter xiv. These refuse. They confess the finger  
of some God, but they will not submit to the heavy  
lessons He would teach of their wickedness, and need  
of repentance. Their woe increases, but their sin increases too. They have sealed themselves men of Antichrist, and his spirit dwells within them. They will not cry for quarter, nor will it be given. Their will  
is fixed for evil, accompanied with a sense of the powerlessness of themselves and their god.  
 They ought, if they cursed, to curse themselves and  
their Great Deceiver. They curse the Holy One instead, and so are doomed to His severest wrath. Punishment does not necessarily amend: it does not always even outwardly reform.  
  
 10. “And the fifth poured out his bow! on the throne of the  
Wild Beast; and his kingdom became darkened, and they bit  
their tongues from pain. 11. And blasphemed the God of the  
heaven because of their pains and because of their ulcers, and  
repented not of their deeds.”  
  
 The worshippers of Antichrist are in sore pain of  
body, which exhibits itself in biting the tongue. To  
the darkness is added agony of body. Earth is become  
like hell, for darkness and woe. The ulcer of the first  
bowl remains; and beside that are the pains which  
follow on the sun’s scorching. These together make