

friendship with the authors of it, appear like unconcerned lookers on, but as people so deeply affected with sorrow, that they cannot endure to stand by and behold it; this he represents in the similitude of a man "shutting his eyes from seeing evil."

"Who amongst us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who amongst us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously and speaketh uprightly. He that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil." Isaiah xxxiii. 14, 15.

He proceeds in the spirit of prophecy to shew how the faithful being supported under temptations, would be preserved from that defilement that there is in the love of money; that as they who in a reverent waiting on God, feel their strength renewed, are said to "mount upward;" so here their preservation from the snare of unrighteous gain, is represented in the likeness of a man, borne up above all crafty, artful means of getting the advantage of another, "They shall dwell on high; and points out the stability and firmness of their condition, "His place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks;" and that under all the outward appearances of loss, in denying himself of gainful profits for righteousness sake, yet through the care of him who provides for the sparrows, he should have a supply answerable to his infinite