



1 Why, seeing times^{H6256} are not hidden^{H6845} from the Almighty^{H7706}, do they that know^{H3045} him not see^{H2372} his days^{H3117}? 2 Some remove^{H5381} the landmarks^{H1367}; they violently take away^{H1497} flocks^{H5739}, and feed^{H7462} thereof.¹ 3 They drive away^{H5090} the ass^{H2543} of the fatherless^{H3490}, they take^{H2254} the widow's^{H490} ox^{H7794} for a pledge^{H2254}. 4 They turn^{H5186} the needy^{H34} out of the way^{H1870}: the poor^{H6041} of the earth^{H6035} hide^{H776} themselves together^{H3162}. 5 Behold, as wild asses^{H6501} in the desert^{H4057}, go they forth^{H3318} to their work^{H6467}; rising betimes^{H7836} for a prey^{H2964}: the wilderness^{H6160} yieldeth food^{H3899} for them and for their children^{H5288}. 6 They reap^{H7114} every one his corn^{H1098} in the field^{H7704}: and they gather^{H3953} the vintage^{H3754} of the wicked^{H7563}.² 7 They cause the naked^{H6174} to lodge^{H3885} without clothing^{H3830}, that they have no covering^{H3682} in the cold^{H7135}. 8 They are wet^{H7372} with the showers^{H2230} of the mountains^{H2022}, and embrace^{H2263} the rock^{H6697} for want of a shelter^{H4268}. 9 They pluck^{H1497} the fatherless^{H3490} from the breast^{H7699}, and take a pledge^{H2254} of the poor^{H6041}. 10 They cause him to go^{H1980} naked^{H6174} without clothing^{H3830}, and they take away^{H5375} the sheaf^{H6016} from the hungry^{H7457}; 11 Which make oil^{H6671} within^{H996} their walls^{H7791}, and tread^{H1869} their winepresses^{H3342}, and suffer thirst^{H6770}. 12 Men^{H4962} groan^{H5008} from out of the city^{H5892}, and the soul^{H5315} of the wounded^{H2491} crieth out^{H7768}: yet God^{H433} layeth^{H7760} not folly^{H8604} to them.

13 They are of those that rebel^{H4775} against the light^{H216}; they know^{H5234} not the ways^{H1870} thereof, nor abide^{H3427} in the paths^{H5410} thereof. 14 The murderer^{H7523} rising^{H6965} with the light^{H216} killeth^{H6991} the poor^{H6041} and needy^{H34}, and in the night^{H3915} is as a thief^{H1590}. 15 The eye^{H5869} also of the adulterer^{H5003} waiteth^{H8104} for the twilight^{H5399}, saying^{H559}, No eye^{H5869} shall see^{H7789} me: and disguiseth^{H5643} his face^{H6440}.⁴ 16 In the dark^{H2822} they dig through^{H2864} houses^{H1004}, which they had marked^{H2856} for themselves in the daytime^{H3119}: they know^{H3045} not the light^{H216}. 17 For the morning^{H1242} is to them even as^{H3162} the shadow of death^{H6757}: if one know^{H5234} them, they are in the terrors^{H1091} of the shadow of death^{H6757}.

18 He is swift^{H7031} as the waters^{H6440}, their portion^{H2513} is cursed^{H7043} in the earth^{H776}: he beholdeth^{H6437} not the way^{H1870} of the vineyards^{H3754}. 19 Drought^{H6723} and heat^{H2527} consume^{H1497} the snow^{H7950} waters^{H4325}: so doth the grave^{H7585} those which have sinned^{H2398}.⁵ 20 The womb^{H7358} shall forget^{H7911} him; the worm^{H7415} shall feed sweetly^{H4988} on him; he shall be no more remembered^{H2142}; and wickedness^{H5766} shall be broken^{H7665} as a tree^{H6086}. 21 He evil entreateth^{H7462} the barren^{H6135} that beareth^{H3205} not: and doeth not good^{H3190} to the widow^{H490}. 22 He draweth^{H4900} also the mighty^{H47} with his power^{H3581}: he riseth up^{H6965}, and no man is sure^{H539} of life^{H2416}.⁶ 23 Though it be given^{H5414} him to be in safety^{H983}, whereon he resteth^{H8172}; yet his eyes^{H5869} are upon their ways^{H1870}. 24 They are exalted^{H7426} for a little while^{H4592}, but are gone and brought low^{H4355}; they are taken out^{H7092} of the way^{H1870} as all other, and cut off^{H5243} as the tops^{H7218} of the ears of corn^{H7641}.⁷ 25 And if it be not so now^{H645}, who will make^{H7760} me a liar^{H3576}, and make^{H7760} my speech^{H4405} nothing worth^{H408}?

Fußnoten

1. feed...: or, feed them
2. corn: Heb. mingled corn, or, dredge
3. they gather...: Heb. the wicked gather the vintage
4. disguiseth...: Heb. setteth his face in secret
5. consume: Heb. violently take
6. no...: or, he trusteth not his own life
7. are gone: Heb. are not

8. taken....: Heb. closed up