

who are set over you. You must discharge the duties of this life until you are released from the bonds of it. You cannot have the benefits of society and refuse to share its obligations. In some places the religious customs may be extravagant and superstitious, and wise men use their judgment as to the credit which they attach to them. But if the Romans were to listen to you, to abolish all their laws and customs, and to worship only your Most High, or what you please to call Him, you will not pretend that He will come and fight for them and defend them from their enemies. According to you, He promised the Jews more than this, yet He has done little either for them or for yourselves. The Jews were to have ruled the world, and they have not a yard of ground to call their own. You are only safe when you keep concealed. If you are found you are executed. God must never be forgotten either by day or night, either in public or private, either in speech or action. Whatever we do or leave undone, we should have God ever before our minds, but we must obey also the princes and rulers of this world, the powers, whatever they be, which have authority here. I do not say that obedience is without limit. If a servant of God be commanded to do some wrong act or speak an irreverent word, he is bound to