

ered, they shall finde a Rule to Iudge by; as if Naball, & Uriah, & one of the stronge drunkards of Ephraim, were all 3: together accused before the Iudges for drunkennesse, they could so proportion their severall sentences, accordinge to the severall natures & degrees of their offences, as a Iust & Divine sentence might appeare in them all: for a divine sentence is in the lippes of the Kinge, his mouth transgresseth not in Iudgm^t Pro: 16: but no suche promise was ever made to a paper Sentence of humane Aut^{yo} or Invention. He who hath promised his servants to teache them what to Answer, euen in that houer, when they shalbe brought before Iudgm^t seats, etc. will also teache his ministers the Iudges what sentence to pronounce, if they will allso observe his worde, & trust in him. Care not for the morrowe, &c, is a Rule of Gen^{ll} extent, to all cases where o^r providence may either crosse wth some Rule or Ordinance of his, or may occasion us to relye more upon o^r owne strengthe & meanes, than upon his grace & blessinge. In the Sentence w^{ch} Solomon gave betweene the 2: Harlots: 1: Kings: 3: 28: It is sayd All Israell heard of the Iudgm^t w^{ch} the Kinge had Judged: & they feared the Kinge, for they sawe that the wisdome of God was in him to doe Iudgm^t. See heer, how the wisdome of God was glorified, & the Aut^{yo} of the Iudge strengthened, by this sentence: whereas in mens prescript sentences, neither of these can be attained, but if the sentence hitt right, all is ascribed to the wisdome of o^r ancestors, if otherwise, it is endured as a necessary evill, since it may not be altered.

Prescript penaltyes take away the use of Admonition, w^{ch} is allso a Divine Sentence & an Ordinance of God, warranted by Scripture, as appeares in Solomons Admonition to Adonijah, & Nehemiahs to those that brake the Sabbaoth: Eccl: 12: 11: 12: the words of the wise are as goads, & as nayles fastened by the masters of Assemblys — by these (my sonne) be admonished, Pro: 29: 1: Isay 11: 4: Prov. 17: 10: A reproofe entereth more into a wise man, than 100 stripes into a foole.

Iudges are Gods upon earthe: therefore, in their Administrations, they are to holde forthe the wisdome & mercye of God, (w^{ch} are his Attributes) as well as his Iustice: as occasiō shall require either in respecte of the qualite of the person, or for a more gen^{ll} good, or euident repentance, in some cases of less public consequence, or avoydinge imminent danger to the State, & suche like prevalent Considerations. Exo: 22: 8: 9: for thefte & suche like Trespasses, double restitution was appointed by the Lawe: but Lev: 6: 2: 5: in such cases, if the