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¶ How often it happens a person thinks himself ^{deserving of} worthy praise honor & reward when he is utterly unworthy; at the same time thinking another wholly detestable and fit for condemnation who is in every respect more worthy than himself. Thus when at Shushan the queen was asked; "What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor," Haman thought in his heart; "to whom would the king delight to do honors more than to myself?" Such a presumptuous conceited person deserves the fortune of Haman—to see and to be the very one to deliver to the person he despised the praise the honor and preferments he preferred for himself.

¶ What a wide difference there is in the course of the virtuous and the vicious in the hour of trouble. The virtuous in the hour of need know on whom to rely; they know how like Nehemiah "to pray to the God of heaven." He in the time of peril when enemies gathered around him, trusting in the God of battle could say to his friends; "be not ye afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and terrible. Fight for your brethren your sons, and your daughters your wives & your houses." So Mordecai knew on whose arm to rely, and thus relying how to conduct himself amid all the snares of his haughty enemy, who on the other hand was so ~~been~~ astounded and infatuated when the day of trouble came that he fell upon the queen bed and so completed his own destruction.

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