

Chapter 8

Baldad chargeth Iob to haue spoken, vniustly exhorting him to turne to God, and fo he shal prosper better then heretofore. 13. Shewing that hypocrites shal not prosper, 20. inferreth (fallly) that God afflicteth not the sincere, nor helpeth the malignant.

The second conflict.

But Baldad the Suhite answering, sayd: ^{2 a)}How long wilt thou speake such things, and shall the spirit of the word of thy mouth be multiplied? ³ Why doth God supplant iudgement? or doth the Omnipotent subuert that which is iust? ⁴ Although thy children haue sinned to him, and he hath leaft them in the hand of their iniquitie: ⁵ Yet if thou wilt arise early to God, and wilt beseech the Omnipotent: ⁶ If thou wilt walke cleane & vpright, he wil forthwith awake vnto thee, and wil make the habitation of thy iustice peaceable: ⁷ In so much, that if thy former things haue bene litle, thy later things may be multiplied exceedingly. ⁸ For aske the old generation, and search diligently the memorie of the fathers. (⁹ For we are but as yesterday, and are ignorant ^{b)}that our daies vpon the earth are as a shadow.) ¹⁰ And they shall teach thee: they shall speake to thee, and from their hart shall vtter wordes. ¹¹ Can the rush be greene without moisture? or a feggie place grow without water? ¹² When it is yet in his flowre, and is not plucked with the hand, it withereth before all hearbes: ¹³ Euen so the waies of all, that forget God, and the hope of the hypocrite shall perish: ¹⁴ His folie shall not please him, and his confidence as the spiders webbe. ¹⁵ He shall leane vpon his house, and it shall not stand:

^a This second disputer charged Iob to be obstinate who in dede was constant in a true fetled iudgement.

^b Euen thus heretikes imagine Catholikes to be ignorant, and therefore fill their mouthes and bookes with things that are not denied, and yet inferre much fallhood fophistically applying one truth against another being them selues ignorant how to reconcile difficulties.

He shall stay it up, and it shall not rise: ¹⁶ He smeth
moyntened before the funne come, and in his rising his
blowme shall goe forth. ¹⁷ Upon a heape of rockes his
rootes shall be thicke, and among stones he shall abide.
¹⁸ If he swallow him up out of his place, he will denie
him, & will say: I know thee not. ¹⁹ For this is the ioy
of his way, that others may spring againe of the earth.
²⁰ God will not reiect the simple, nor reach his hand to
the malignant. ²¹ Vntil thy mouth be filled with laugh-
ter, and thy lippes with iubilation. ²² They that hate
thee, shall be clothed with confusion: and the tabernacle
of the impious shall not stand.