

Chapter 14

*Againe Iob describeth the miferies of mans life. 3. Neuerthel-
les Gods great prouidence towards him: 7. profeffeth his
beleefe of the Refurrection.*

Man borne of ^{a)}woman, liuing a short time,
is replenished with many miferies. ² Who
as a flowre cometh forth and is deftroied,
& fleeth as a shadow, & neuer abideth in the fame fstate.
³ And doeft thou counte it a worthy thing to open thine
eies vpon fuch an one, and to bring him with thee into
iudgement? ⁴ Who can make cleane him that is con-
ceiued of vncleane feede? is it not thou which onlie
art? ⁵ The daies of man are short, & the number of his
monethes is with thee, thou haft appointed his limittes
^{b)}which can not be paffed. ⁶ Depart a litle from him,
that he may reft, vntil his day wished for, come, euen as
the hyred man. ⁷ A tree hath hope: if it be cut, it wax-
eth greene againe, and the boughes thereof fpring. ⁸ If
his roote be old in the earth, and the truncke therof be
dead in the duft, ⁹ at the fent of water it shal fpring, and
bring forth leaues, as when it was firft planted. ¹⁰ But
when man shal be dead, and naked and confumed, where
is he I pray? ¹¹ As if the waters should depart out of the
fea, and a riuer made emptie should be dried vp. ¹² So
man when he is a fleepe shal not rife agayne, til heauen
perish, he shal not awake, nor rife vp out of his fleepe.
¹³ Who wil grant me this, that in hel thou protect me,
and hide me, til thy furie paffe, and appoynt me a time,
wherin thou wilt remember me? ¹⁴ Shal man that is
dead, thinkeft thou, liue agayne? al the daies, in which

^a Al children taking their fubftance from the mother, and hauing
only a temporal life, continually tending to death, can not but be
fubieft to manie miferies.

^b For time itfelfe though it may feme long, is a limited thing, and is
very fhorte, yea hath no proportion in respect of eternitie, which
is infinite: yet God hath care to bring this weake creature to life
eternal.

I am now in warfare, I expect vntil my change do come.
15 Thou shalt cal me, and I shal anfwer thee: to the worke of thy handes thou shalt reach thy right hand.
16 Thou in dede haft numbred my fteppes: but thou wilt fpare my finnes. 17 Thou haft fealed my offences as it were in a bag, but haft cured mine iniquitie. 18 A mountaine falling flideth downe, and a rock is remoued out of his place. 19 Waters make ftones holow, and with inundation the earth by litle and litle is confumed: and men therfore thou shalt deftroy in like maner. 20 Thou haft ftrengthened him a litle that he might paffe away foreuer: thou shalt chãge his face, and shalt fend him forth. 21 Whether his children shal be noble, or vnnoble, he ^a)shal not vnderftand. 22 But yet his flesh whiles he shal liue shal haue forow, & his foule shal mourne vpon himself.

^a The parentes after death are not afflicted with the ftate of their children, as they be in this life.