

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 ftate.
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 fhall fpring, and
 bring forth leaues, as when it was firft planted. ¹⁰ But
 when man fhall be dead, and naked and confumed, where
 is he I pray? ¹¹ As if the waters fhould depart out of the
 fea, and a riuer made emptie fhould be dried vp. ¹² So
 man when he is a fleepe fhall not rife agayne, til heauen
 perih, he fhall 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,
 wherein 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 refpect 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 anfwere thee: to the
worke of thy handes thou shalt reach thy right hand.
¹⁶ Thou in dede haft numbred my fteppes: but thou
wilt spare 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 ftrenghened him a litle that he might paffe away
foreuer: thou shalt chāge his face, and shalt fend him
forth. ²¹ Whether his children shal be noble, or vnnoble,
he ^ashal 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 fstate of their
children, as they be in this life.