

Chapter 17

For the greuoufnes of his paine Iob expecteth speedie death, 4. chargeth his freindes with folie for holding only remuneration in this life, 6. himself hopeth happie reft in the other world.

My fpirit fhall be extenuated, my daies fhall be fhortened, and the graue only remaineth for me. ² I haue ^{a)}not finned, and mine eie abideth in bitterneffe. ³ Deliuer me, and fet me befide thee, and let anie mans hand fight againft me. ⁴ Thou haft made their hart far from difcipline, and therefore they fhall not be exalted. ⁵ He promifeth a praye to his felowes, and the eies of his children fhall faile. ⁶ He hath fet me as it were for a prouerbe of the comon people, and I am an example before them. ⁷ Mine eie is dimne for indignation, and my members are brought as it were to nothing. ⁸ The iuft fhall be aftonied vpon this, and the innocent fhall be raied vp againft the hypocrite. ⁹ And the iuft fhall hold his way, and with cleane handes fhall adde ftrength. ¹⁰ Be al you therefore conuerted, and come, and I fhall not finde among you anie wifeman. ¹¹ My daies haue paffed, my cogitations are diffipated, tormenting my hart. ¹² Night they haue turned into day, and againe after darkeneffe I hope for light. ¹³ If I fhall expect, ^{b)} hel is my houfe, and in darkeneffe I haue made my bed. ¹⁴ I haue fayd to rottenes: Thou art my father, my mother, and my fifter, to wormes. ¹⁵ Where is now then my expectation, and my patience who confidereth. ¹⁶ Al my thinges fhall defcend into moft deepe hel: there at the leaf, fhall I haue reft thinkeft thou?

Seol
Ἅδης
Infernus

^a Not hauing committed fuch finnes as he was charged withal, in this duple bitternes of corporal paine and calumniation, his eye was ftill vpon God, expecting to be deliuered.

^b This text fheweth evidently that there was a place of reft called hel.