

Chapter 18

Baldad letteth vpon Iob againe, charging him with present impatience, and former impietie, 6. and that therefore he suffereth worthie punishment. The fifth conflict.

But Baldad the Suhite anfwering, fayd: ² How long wil ^aye fpeake vaunting wordes? vnderftand ye firft, and fo let vs fpeake. ³ Why are we reputed as beaftes, and accounted vile before you? ⁴ Which deftroyeft thy foule in thy furie, fhall the earth be forfaken for thee, and fhall rockes be tranfported out of their place? ⁵ Shal not the light of the impious be extinguifhed, and the flame of his fire not shine? ⁶ The light fhall be darke in his tabernacle, and the candel that is ouer him, fhall be extinguifhed. ⁷ The fteppes of his power fhall be fraytened, and his owne counfel fhall caft him downe headlong. ⁸ For he hath thruft his feete into a nette, and walketh in the mashes therof. ⁹ The fole of his foote fhall be held in a fnare, and thirft fhall burne againft him. ¹⁰ His ginne is hid in the earth, and his fpring vpon the path. ¹¹ Feares fhall terrifie him on euerie fide, and his feete fhall entangle him. ¹² Let his ftrengh be extenuated with famine, and let hunger inuade his ribbes. ¹³ Let it deuoure the beautie of his skinne, let death the firftborne confume his armes. ¹⁴ Let his confidence be plucked away out of his tabernacle, and let deftruction as a king tread vpon him. ¹⁵ Let the companions of him, that is not, dwell in his tabernacle, let brimfton be fprinkled in his tent. ¹⁶ Let his rootes be dried downward, and his harueft deftroyed vpward. ¹⁷ Let the memorie of him perish from the earth, and let not his name be

^a Baldad perceiuing Iob to fpeake confidently as the common doctrine of manie oppofeth him felf neuertheles againft him and al that thincke as he doth, and fo fpeaketh as to manie in the plural number, *vvil ye fpeake*, and of himfelfe & his felowes: *are vve reputed &c.* So holie Iob a figure of the Church defended the common caufe, his aduerfaries a figure of heretikes fpeaking fome truthes mixed falfe things therwith. *S. Greg. li. 14. c. 1.*

renowned in the ftreates. ¹⁸ He shal expel him out of light into darkeneffe, and shal tranfport him out of the world. ¹⁹ His feed shal not be, nor his progenie in his people, nor anie remnantes in his countries. ²⁰ In his daie the laft shal be aftenied, and horrour shal inuade the firft. ²¹ Thefe are then the tabernacles of the wicked man, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.