

## Chapter 22

*Eliphaz contendeth that God is not pleased with a iust mans afflictions, 5. fallly imputeth enormious crimes to holie Iob, 12. and groffe errors. 21. Wisheth him therefore to repent, that fo he may prosper.*

The feuenth conflict.

**B**ut Eliphaz the Themanite anfwering, fayd: <sup>2</sup> Can man be compared with God, yea though he be of perfect knowlege. <sup>3</sup> What doth it <sup>a</sup>)profite God if thou be iust? or what doest thou aduantage him if thy way be vnfpotted. <sup>4</sup> Shal he be afrayde to reprove thee, and come with thee into iudgement? <sup>5</sup> And not for thy very great malice, and thine infinite iniquities? <sup>6</sup> For thou haft taken away the pledge of thy brethren without caufe, and the naked thou haft fpoyled of clothes. <sup>7</sup> Water to the wearie thou haft not geuen, and from the hungrie thou haft withdrawen bread. <sup>8</sup> In the ftrength of thine arme thou didft poffeffe the earth, and being the mightieft thou didft obteyne it. <sup>9</sup> Widowes thou haft fent away emptie, and the armes of pupilles thou haft broken in peeces. <sup>10</sup> Therefore art thou compaffed with fnares, and foden feare troubleth thee. <sup>11</sup> And thoughteft thou that thou shouldeft not fee darkenes, and that thou shouldeft not be oppreffed with the violence of ouerflowing waters? <sup>12</sup> Doeft thou not thinke that God is higher then heauen, & is exalted aboue the toppe of the ftarres? <sup>13</sup> And thou fayeft: For what knoweth God? and he iudgeth as it were by a mift. <sup>14</sup> The cloudes are his couert, <sup>b</sup>)neither doth he confider our thinges, and he walketh about the poles of heauen. <sup>15</sup> Doeft thou couet

<sup>a</sup> In dede whē a iust man hath donne his dutie he is vnprofitable to God: but he is profitable to himself, which greatly pleafeth God, who defireth mans good, and it redoundeth to Gods glorie that he hath fuch feruantes. *Mat. 5. v. 17.*

<sup>b</sup> After imputation of falfe crimes, this difputer chargeth holie Iob alfo with heathnifh error of the Ægyptians, that God hath no prouidence of men in this world. *Ariftotle li. de mundo. textu. 84.* So fome heretikes in their phrenfie accufe Catholiques of condemned herefies.

to keepe the path of worldes, which wicked men haue troden? <sup>16</sup> Who were taken away before their time, and a floud hath ouerthrowen their foundation. <sup>17</sup> Who sayd to God: Depart from vs: and as though the Omnipotent could do nothing, they eftemed him. <sup>18</sup> Whereas he had filled their houfes with good things, whose fentence be far from me. <sup>19</sup> The iuft shal fee, and shal reioyfe, and the innocent man shal fkorne them. <sup>20</sup> Is not their exaltation cut downe, and hath not fire deuoured the remnantes of them? <sup>21</sup> Agree thou therfore to him, and haue peace: and by thefe things thou shalt haue the best fruites. <sup>22</sup> Receiue the law of his mouth, and put his wordes in thy hart. <sup>23</sup> If thou wilt returne to the Omnipotent, thou shalt be builded vp, and shalt make iniquitie far from thy tabernacle. <sup>24</sup> He shal geue for earth flint, and for flint torrentes of gold. <sup>25</sup> And the Omnipotent shal be agaynft thine enemies, & filuer shal be heaped together vnto thee. <sup>26</sup> Then shalt thou abound in delightes vpon the Omnipotent, and shalt lift vp thy face to God. <sup>27</sup> Thou shalt aske him, and he wil heare thee, and thou shal pay thy vowes. <sup>28</sup> Thou shalt decree a thing, and it shal come to thee, and light shal shine in thy waies. <sup>29</sup> For who wil be humbled, shal be in glorie: and he that wil bow downe his eies, he shal be faued. <sup>30</sup> The innocent shal be faued, but he shal be faued in the cleanneffe of his handes.