

## Chapter 23

*Iob expecteth helpe and fentence of God, 6. with iuft feare, yet with good confcience maintaineth his owne innocencie.*

**B**ut Iob anfwering, fayd: <sup>2</sup> <sup>a)</sup> Now alfo my talke is in bitterneffe, and the hand of my plague is aggravated vpon my mourning. <sup>3</sup> Who wil grant me that I may know and find him and come euen to <sup>b)</sup> his throne? <sup>4</sup> I wil fet iudgement before him, and wil fil my mouth with accufations. <sup>5</sup> That I may know the wordes, that he wil anwer me, and vnderftand what he wil fpeake to me. <sup>6</sup> I wil not that he contend with me with much ftrength, nor that he opprefse me with the weight of his greatnes. <sup>7</sup> Let him propofe equitie againft me, and my iudgement shal come to victorie. <sup>8</sup> If I shal goe to the Eaft, he appeareth not: if to the Weft, I shal not vnderftand him. <sup>9</sup> If to the left hand, what shal I doe? I shal not apprehend him: if I turne myfelf to the right hand, I shal not fee him. <sup>10</sup> But he knoweth my way, & hath proued me as gold that paffeth through the fyre. <sup>11</sup> My foote hath folowed his fteppes, I haue kept his way, & haue not declined out of it. <sup>12</sup> From the commandementes of his lippes I haue not departed, and I haue hid the wordes of his mouth in my bofome. <sup>13</sup> For he is alone, and no man can turne away his cogitation: and whatfoeuer his foule would, that hath he done. <sup>14</sup> And when he shal haue fulfilled his wil in me, manie other things alfo are at hand with him. <sup>15</sup> And therefore I am trubled at his face, and confidering him I am made penfife with feare. <sup>16</sup> God hath mollified my hart, and the Omnipotent hath trubled me. <sup>17</sup> For I haue not perifhed becaufe of the imminent darkeneffe, neither hath the mift couered my face.

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<sup>a</sup> VVhiles he expected fome comforth of his freindes, they ftill afflicted him more and more, chargeing him with falfe crimes and fo aggravating his grief both of bodie and mind.

<sup>b</sup> Therefore he appealeth to Gods iudgement feate for fentence.