

Chapter 26

Iob refuteth his aduerfaries needles and common arguments, by more found difcourfing of Gods powre, and wifdome.

But Iob anfwering, fayd: ^{2 a)}Whofe helper art thou? his that is weake? and doeft thou hold vp the arme of him, that is not ftrong? ³ To whom haft thou geuen counfel? perhaps to him, that hath not wifdom, and ^{b)}thy prudence haft thou fhewed very great. ⁴ Whom wouldeft thou teach? not him that made breath. ⁵ Behold the ^{c)}gyantes grone vnder the waters, and they that dwel with them. ⁶ Hel is naked before him, and there is no couert to perdition. ⁷ Who ftretcheth out the northwind ouer the vacant, and hangeth the earth vpon nothing. ⁸ Who bindeth the waters in his cloudes, that they breake not forth together downeward. ⁹ Who holdeth the countenance of his throne, and fpredeth his clowde ouer it. ¹⁰ He hath made a limite about the waters, til light & darkenes be ended. ¹¹ The pillars of heauen tremble, and dread at his beck. ¹² In his ftrength fodenly the feas are gathered together, and with his wifdom he ftroke the proud man. ¹³ His fpirite hath adorned the heauens, and his hand being the midwife, the ^{d)}winding ferpent is brought forth. ¹⁴ Loe, thefe things are fayd in part of his waies: and where as we haue heard fcarce a litle droppe of his word, who fhall be able to behold the thunder of his greatnes?

^a Iob sheweth that neither God nedeth mans helpe,

^b neither is Baldads prudence able to helpe if there were nede.

^c Giances were not able to wade in Noes floud, but were drowned with the reft.

^d Not only great things before recited but alfo the very leaft are made by God, and depend vpon his prouidence.