

Chapter 27

More and more Iob confirmeth his innocencie, auouching that God not presently iudging, 11. wil in time condemne the wicked.

Iob also added, taking his parable, and fayd: ² God liueth, who hath ^{a)}taken away my iudgement, and the Omnipotent, which hath brought my foule to bitterneffe. ³ That as long as breath remaineth in me, and the spirit of God in my nofthrels, ⁴ my lippes shal not speake iniquitie, neither shal my tongue meditate ^{b)}lying. ⁵ God forbid that I should iudge you to be iuft: til I faile, I wil not depart from mine innocencie. ⁶ My iustification which I haue begune to hold, I wil not forsake: for my hart doth not reprehend me in al my life. ⁷ Let mine enimie be as the impious, and mine aduerfarie as the wicked one. ⁸ For what is the hypocrites hope if couetousely he take by violence, and God deliuer not his foule? ⁹ Wil God heare his crie, when distresse shal come vpon him? ¹⁰ Or can he be delighted in the Omnipotent, and inuocate God at al time? ¹¹ I wil teach you by the hand of God, what the Omnipotent hath, neither wil I hide it. ¹² Loe, you doe al knowe, and why speake you vaine thinges without cause? ¹³ This is the portion of an impious man with God, and inheritance of the violent, which they shal receiue of the Omnipotent. ¹⁴ If his children be multiplied, they shal be in the sword, & nephewes shal not be filled with bread. ¹⁵ They that shal be leaft of him, shal be buried in death, and his widowes shal not weepe. ¹⁶ If he shal heape together filuer as earth, and as clay shal prepare garmentes: ¹⁷ he shal prepare in deede, but the iuft man shal be clothed with them: and the innocent shal diuide the filuer. ¹⁸ He hath built his house as a moth, and as a keeper hath he made a bowre. ¹⁹ The rich man

^a God would not as yet haue Iobs cause iudged, but referued the sentence, for his greater trial in patience.

^b It were a lie to acknowledge such finnes as he had not committed.

^a)when he shal fleepe shal take away nothing with him:
he shal open his eies, & finde nothing. ²⁰ Pouertie as
water shal apprehend him, in the night a tempeft shal
oppreffe him. ²¹ The burning wind shal take him vp,
and cary him away, and as a whirlwinde shal pul him
violently out of his place. ²² And he shal caft vpon him,
and shal not fpare: out of his hand fleing he shal flee.
²³ He shal clafpe his handes vpon him, and shal hiffe
vpon him, beholding his place.

^a Some part of Gods iudgement falleth on the wicked in this life,
but efpecially at their death. *Pfal. 75.*