

## Chapter 29

*Againe Iob recounteth Gods former benefites, as wel his grace, wherby he did good workes, 5. as temporal prosperitie, 9. and wifdome aboute other princes.*

**I**ob also added, taking <sup>a)</sup>his parable, and fayd: <sup>2</sup> Who wil grant me, that I may be according to the former monethes, according to the daies in which God kept me? <sup>3</sup> When his lampe fhined ouer my head, & I walked by his light in darknes? <sup>4</sup> As I was in the daies of my youth, when God was fecretly in my tabernacle? <sup>5</sup> When the Omnipotent was with me: and my feruantes round about me? <sup>6</sup> When I wafhed my feete with butter, and the rocke powred me riuers of oile? <sup>7</sup> When I went forth to the gate of the citie, and in the ftreate they prepared me a chaire? <sup>8</sup> Yong men fawe me, and hid them felues: and old men rifing vp ftoode. <sup>9</sup> The princes ceafed to fpeake, and did put the finger vpon their mouth. <sup>10</sup> Dukes held in their voice, and their tongue cleaued to their throate. <sup>11</sup> The eare hearing counted me bleffed, and the eie feing gaue teftimonie to me. <sup>12</sup> For that I had deliuered the poore man crying out, and the pupil, that had no helper. <sup>13</sup> The bleffing of him that was readie to perifh came vpon me, and I confortd the hart of the widow. <sup>14</sup> I was clothed with iuftice: and I reuefted me with my iudgement, as with a garment and crowne. <sup>15</sup> I was an eie to the blind, and a foote to the lame. <sup>16</sup> I was the father of the poore: and the caufe which I knew not, I fearched moft diligently. <sup>17</sup> I brake the iawes of the wicked man, and out of his teeth I tooke away the praye. <sup>18</sup> And I faid: I wil die in my litle nef, & as a palmetree wil multiplie daies. <sup>19</sup> My roote is opened befide the waters, and dewe fhall continue in my harueft. <sup>20</sup> My glorie fhall alwaies be renewed, and my bow in my hand fhall be repayred.

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<sup>a</sup> Parables are not only fimilitudes of thinges but alfo pithie and profound fentences fuch as Iob, Salomon, and other wife men vttered.

<sup>21</sup> They that heard me, expected fentence, and attent held their peace at my counfel. <sup>22</sup> To my wordes they durft adde nothing, and my fpeech diftilled vpon them. <sup>23</sup> They expected me as rayne, and they opened their mouth as it were to a lateward shower. <sup>24</sup> If at anie time I laughed on them, they beleued not, and the light of my countenance fel not on the earth. <sup>25</sup> If I would haue gone to them, I fate firft, and when I fate <sup>a</sup>)as a king, with his armie ftanding about him, yet was I a conforter of them that mourned.

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<sup>a</sup> This particke (as) importeth not here a fimilitude but rather that he was a very king or fupreme prince as hauing fupreme authoritie *v. 7.* royal vertue and crowne. *v. 14.* *Ifidorus li. de vita Sanct. Beda & alij.*