

Chapter 32

Eliu a young man being angrie that Iob perfited in his opinion, and that his three freindes could not conuince him, 8. taketh vpon him to confute Iob which they could not do.

The ninth conflict.

But these three men omitted to answer Iob, for that he seemed iust to himself. ² And ^{a)}Eliu the sonne of Barachel a Buzite, of the kinred of Ram, was angrie and tooke indignation: and he was angrie against Iob, for that he sayd himself to be iust before God. ³ Moreouer against his freindes he had indignation, for that they had not found a reasonable answer, but onlie had condemned Iob. ⁴ Therefore Eliu expected Iob speaking, because they were his elders that spake. ⁵ But when he saw that the three were not able to answer, he was wrath exceedingly. ⁶ And Eliu the sonne of Barachel a Buzite answering, sayd: I am yonger in time, and you more ancient, therefore casting downe my head, I was afraid to shewe you my sentence. ⁷ For I hoped that longer age would speake, and that a multitude of yeares would teach wisdom. ⁸ But as I see, there is a Spirite in men, and the inspiration of the Omnipotent geueth vnderstanding. ⁹ They of many yeares are not the wise men, neither doe the ancientes vnderstand iudgement. ¹⁰ Therefore wil I speake: Heare ye me, I also wil shew you my wisdom. ¹¹ For I haue expected your wordes, I haue heard your wisdom, as long as you contended in wordes. ¹² And as long as I thought you said somewhat, I considered: but as I see, ^{b)}here is none of you that can reprove Iob, and answer his wordes. ¹³ Left perhaps you may say: We haue found wisdom, God hath reiected

^a This youngman wittie & lerned, but proud withal, was a figure of the hote and arrogant disputers who wil feme to know more then their elders. *S. Greg. li. 23. c. 2.*

^b A notorious arrogancie to hold himselfe wiser then any man, either of his owne sect, or of his aduerfaries.

him, not man. ¹⁴ He hath spoken nothing ^{a)}to me, and I wil not answer him according to your wordes. ¹⁵ They were afraid, and answered no more, & they haue taken away talke from themselues. ¹⁶ Therefore because I haue expected, and they spoke not: they stood, & answered no more. ¹⁷ I also wil answer my part, and wil shew my knowledge. ¹⁸ For I am full of wordes, and the spirit of my bellie freyneth me. ¹⁹ Behold, my bellie is as new wine without a vent, which breaketh new vessels. ²⁰ I wil speake, and take breath a litle: I wil open my lippes, and wil answer. ²¹ I wil not accept the person of a man, and I wil not make God equal to man. ²² For I know not how long I shal continue, and whether after a while my maker wil take me away.

^a Those that neither credite Catholique Doctors, nor yet relie vpon their owne elders, but euery one vpon his owne priuate spirit, denie that to pertaine to them which is spoken to others in the same errors. *S. Greg. li. 23. c. 8.*