

## Chapter 33

*Eliu endeuoreth to proue by Iobs fpeech that he is vniuft: 13. arguing that God (by afflicting him) hath already fo iudged. 23. But if by an Angels admonition he repent, al shal be remitted.*

**H**eere therfore Iob my fayings, and harken to al my wordes. <sup>2</sup> Behold I haue opened my mouth, let my tongue fpeake within my iawes. <sup>3</sup> My wordes are of my fimple hart, and my lippes shal fpeake a pure fentence. <sup>4</sup> The Spirit of God made me, and the breath of the Omnipotent gaue me life. <sup>5</sup> If thou canft, anfwer me, and ftand againft my face. <sup>6</sup> Behold God hath made me alfo euen as thee, and of the fame clay I alfo was formed. <sup>7</sup> But yet let not my <sup>a</sup>miracle terrifie thee, and let not my eloquence be burdenous to thee. <sup>8</sup> Thou therfore haft fayd in my eares, and I haue heard the voice of thy wordes: <sup>9</sup> I am cleane, and without finne: vnfpotted, and there is no iniquitie in me. <sup>10</sup> Becaufe he hath found quarrels in me, therfore hath he thought me his enemy. <sup>11</sup> He hath put my feete in the ftockes, he hath obferued al my waies. <sup>12</sup> This therfore is it, wherein thou art not iuftified: I wil anfwer thee, that God is greater then man. <sup>13</sup> Doeft thou contend againft him becaufe he hath not answered thee to al wordes? <sup>14</sup> God <sup>b</sup>fpeaketh once, & repeateth not the felf fame the fecond time. <sup>15</sup> By a dreame in a vifion by night,

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<sup>a</sup> Arrogant men imagine their owne conceiptes, & vtterance to be more meruelous thē other mens, not knowing how foolifh their owne pride is. *S. Greg. li. 23. c. 16.*

<sup>b</sup> It is true that Gods wil once vttered ought to fuffice al men, for he anfwereth not to ech one by a particular fpeech, but by common fpeech (or fact) fatisfieth al mens questions. Wherof S. Gregorie noteth this general rule, *vita præcedentium fit forma fequentium. The life of them that goe before is made a forme (or rule) of them that folovv. li. 23. c. 18. §. 19.* But Eliu falſely fuppofed that God by Iobs affliction had declared that he was a wicked man. For in dede God declared the contrarie. *c. 1. v. 1. § 8. & c. 2. v. 3.*

when heauie fleepe falleth vpon men, and they fleepe in their bed. <sup>16</sup> Thē doth he open the eares of men, & teaching instructeth them with discipline, <sup>17</sup> that he may turne a man from these things, which he doth, & may deliuer him from pride. <sup>18</sup> Deliuering his foule from corruption: and his life, that it passe not vnto the sword. <sup>19</sup> He rebuketh also by sorow in the bed, and he maketh al his bones to wither. <sup>20</sup> Bread is become abominable to him in his life, and to his foule the meate before desired. <sup>21</sup> His flesh shal confume, and the bones that had bene couered, shal be made naked. <sup>22</sup> His foule hath approached to corruption, and his life to things causing death. <sup>23</sup> If there shal be an Angel speaking for him, one of thousandes, to declare mans equitie. <sup>24</sup> He shal haue mercie on him, and shal say: Deliuer him, that he descend not into corruption: I haue found wherein I may be propitious to him. <sup>25</sup> His flesh is consumed with punishments, let it returne to the daies of his youth. <sup>26</sup> He shal beseeche God, and he wil be pacified towards him: and he shal see his face in iubilation, and he wil render to a man his iustice. <sup>27</sup> He shal behold men, and shal say: I haue sinned, and in deede I haue offended, and, as I was worthy, I haue not receiued. <sup>28</sup> He hath deliuered his foule that it should not goe into death, but liuing should see the light. <sup>29</sup> Behold, al these things doth God worke three times in euerie one. <sup>30</sup> That he may reclame their foules from corruption, and illuminate them with the light of the liuing. <sup>31</sup> Attend Iob, and heare me: and hold thy peace, whiles I speake. <sup>32</sup> But if thou hast what to speake, answer me, speake: for I would thee to appeare iust. <sup>33</sup> And if thou haue not, heare me: hold thy peace, and I wil teach thee wisdom.