Chapter 35

Eliu pretending that Iob had fayde God to be vniuft, sheweth that mans pietie nor impietie neither profiteth nor disprositeth God: 13. and that he iudgeth al thinges rightly.

herfore Eliu againe spake these wordes: ² Doth thy cogitation feme iuft to thee, that thou faydft: a)I am iufter then God? 3 For thou favdft: That which is right doth not pleafe thee: or what wil it profite thee if I finne? ⁴ Therfore wil I answer to thy wordes, & to thy frendes with thee. 5 b)Looke vp to heauen and fee, and behold the skie, that it is higher then thou. 6 If thou finne, what shalt thou hurt him? and if thine iniquities be multiplied, what shalt thou doe against him? 7 More ouer if thou doe iustly, what shalt thou geue him, or what shal he receive of thy hand? 8 Man that is like to thee, thy impietie shal hurt: and thy iuftice shal helpe the fonne of man. ⁹ Because of the multitude of calumniatours they shal cry: and shal waile for the force of the arme of tyrantes. 10 And he hath not favd: Where is God, that made me, that hath geuen fongs in the night? 11 Who teacheth vs aboue the beaftes of the earth, and inftructeth vs about the foules of the ayre. 12 There shal they crie, and he wil not heare, because of the pride of the euil. ¹³ God therfore wil not heare without caufe, and the Omnipotent wil behold the causes of euerie one. 14 Yea when thou shalt fay: He confidereth not: be judged before him, & expect him. ¹⁵ For he doth not now inferre his furie, neither doth he reuenge wickedneffe excedingly. ¹⁶ Therfore Iob in vaine openeth his mouth, and without knowledge multiplieth wordes.

^a Eliu infifteth much in this calumniation, for Iob neuer faid, that he was iust compared vvith God, nor iuster then God. But that his affliction was greater then his finne. ch. 6. v. 3. c. 23. v. 7. &c.

b These are strong fentences (faith S. Gregorie) but they agree not (or be euil applied) to the blessed person of Iob. li. 26. c. 7.