

Chapter 35

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

Therfore Eliu againe fpake thefe wordes: ² Doth thy cogitation feme iuft to thee, that thou faydft: ^{a)}I am iufter then God? ³ For thou faydft: That which is right doth not pleafe thee: or what wil it profite thee if I finne? ⁴ Therefore wil I anfwer 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 againft him? ⁷ More ouer if thou doe iuftly, what shalt thou geue him, or what shal he receiue 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 fayd: Where is God, that made me, that hath geuen fongs in the night? ¹¹ Who teacheth vs aboute the beaftes of the earth, and inffructeth vs aboute the foules of the ayre. ¹² There shal they crie, and he wil not heare, because of the pride of the euil. ¹³ God therefore wil not heare without caufe, and the Omnipotent wil behold the caufes of euerie one. ¹⁴ Yea when thou shalt fay: He confidereth not: be iudged before him, & expect him. ¹⁵ For he doth not now inferre his furie, neither doth he reuenge wickedneffe excedingly. ¹⁶ Therefore 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 iuft compared vvith God, nor iufter then God. But that his affliction was greater then his finne. *ch. 6. v. 3. c. 23. v. 7. &c.*

^b Thefe are ftrong fentences (faith S. Gregorie) but they agree not (or be euil applied) to the bleffed perfon of Iob. *li. 26. c. 7.*