

Chapter 36

Yet further Eliu sheweth, that God by his powre and wifdome geueth to euerie one that is iuft. 16. Inferring (fallly) that al Iobs affliction is for his finnes, 22. difcourfing ftill of Gods powre, wifdom, and prouidence.

Eliu alfo adding fpake thefe wordes: ² Beare with me a litle, and I wil shew to thee: for as yet I haue what to fpeake for God. ³ I wil repete my knowledge from the beginning, and I wil proue my maker iuft. ⁴ For in deede my wordes are ^a)without lye, and perfect knowledge shal be proued to thee. ⁵ God doth not caft away the mightie, wheras himfelf alfo is mightie. ⁶ But he faueth not the impious, and he giueth iudgement to the poore. ⁷ He shal not take away his eyes from the iuft man, and he placeth kinges in the throne ^b)for euer, and there they are extolled. ⁸ And if they shal be in cheines, and be bound with the ropes of pouertie: ⁹ He shal shew them their workes, and their wicked deedes, becaufe they haue bene violent. ¹⁰ He alfo shal reuele their eare, to chaftife them: and shal fpeake, that they may returne from iniquitie. ¹¹ If they shal heare and obserue, they shal accomplish their daies in good, and their yeares in glorie. ¹² But if they heare not they shal paffe by the fworde, and shal be confumed in folie. ¹³ Diffemblers and craftie men prouoke the wrath of God, neither shal they crie when they are bound. ¹⁴ Their foule shal dye in tempeft, & their life among the effeminates. ¹⁵ He shal deliuer the poore out of his diftreffe, and shal reuele his eare in tribulation. ¹⁶ Therefore he shal faue thee moft largely out of the narrow mouth, and not hauing foundation vnder it: and the quietneffe of thy table shal be ful of fatneffe. ¹⁷ Thy caufe is iudged as an impious mans,

^a No orator is fo vaine but he promifeth al truth, & fpeaketh fome to get credite with his auditorie.

^b If kinges reigne wel their praife remaineth for euer. *v. 11.*

caufe and iudgement thou shalt receiue. ¹⁸ Let not therefore anger ouercome thee, that thou opprefse anie man: neither let multitude of giftes incline thee. ¹⁹ Lay downe thy greatnes without tribulation, and al the puiffant of ftrength. ²⁰ ^{a)}Protract not the night, that ^{b)}peoples may come vp for them. ²¹ Beware thou decline not to iniquitie: for thou haft begunne to folow it after miferie. ²² Behold, God is high in his ftrength, and none is like to him ^{c)}among the lawgeuers. ²³ Who can fearch his waies? or who can fay to him: Thou haft wrought iniquitie? ²⁴ Remember that thou knoweft not his worke, wherof men haue fong. ²⁵ Al men fee him, euerie one beholdeth far of. ²⁶ Behold, God is great furmounting our knowledge: the number of his yeares is inefimable. ²⁷ Who taketh away the droppes of raine, and powreth out showers as it were gulfes of water. ²⁸ Which flow out from the clowdes, that couer al thinges from aboue. ²⁹ If he wil ftretch forth clowdes as his tent, ³⁰ and lighten with his light from aboue, he shal couer alfo the endes of the fea. ³¹ For by thefe he iudgeth peoples, and geueth victuals to manie mortal men. ³² In his handes ^{d)}he hideth the light, and commandeth it that it come agayne. ³³ He fheweth his freind therof, that it is his poffeffion, and that he may afcend to it.

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- ^a The night is drawne long, when tentations are not fpedely refitted,
^b wherby ftill worfe and worfe cogitations fuccede in place of the firft. *S. Greg. li. 26. c. 38.*
^c Aboue al other Lawgeuers God is moft able to punish tranfgreffors, but moft willing and moft able to reward the obferuers. S. Gregorie expoundeth this to be a prophecie of *Chrift our fingular lawvgeuer. li. 27. c. 1.*
^d Chrift wil geue the glorious light of heauen which now is hidden to men that loft terreftrial paradife. *ibidē. c. 12.*