

Chapter 37

Eliu continueth his discourse, shewing Gods wisdom, powre, and iustice, by his meruelous workes of Meteors, 14. and vse therof to mans commoditie: 18. which the wisest man sufficiently vnderstand not, much lesse may presume (as he vniustly chargeth Iob) to contend with God.

Vpon ^{a)}this my hart is fore afrayd, and is moued out of his place. ² Heare ye his speach in the terrour of his voice, and the sound proceeding out of his mouth. ³ Vnder al the heauens he confidereth, and his light is vpon the endes of the earth. ⁴ After him shal founding roare, he shal thunder with the voice of his greatnes, & shal not be found out when his voice shal be heard. ⁵ God shal thunder in his voice merueloufly, he that doeth great & vnsearcheable thinges. ⁶ He that commandeth the snow to descend vpon the earth, and the winter raines, and the shower of his strength. ⁷ He that signeth in the hand of al men, that euerie one may know his workes. ⁸ The beaft shal enter into his couert, and shal abide in his denne. ⁹ From the inner partes shal tempest come forth, and cold from ^{b)}Arcturus. ¹⁰ When God bloweth frost congeleth, and againe waters are powred most largely. ¹¹ Corne defireth cloudes, and the cloudes spread their light. ¹² Which goe round about, whither soeuer the wil of ^{c)}the gouerner shal lead them, to al that he shal command them vpon the face of the whole earth. ¹³ Whether in one tribe or in his land, or in what place soeuer of his mercy he shal command them to be found. ¹⁴ Harken to these things Iob: stand, and confider the maruels of God. ¹⁵ Doeft thou know when

^a Confideration of heauenly rewardes mentioned in the end of the former chapter, comforteth the afflicted: but thunder and other meteors being figures of Gods iudgement, strike the hart with terrour.

^b North wind, or north pole.

^c God directeth the cloudes in the ayre as a mafter mariner gouerneth a shippe.

God commanded the raines, that they shew the light of his clowdes? ¹⁶ Knowest thou the great pathes of the clowdes, and the perfect knowledges? ¹⁷ Are not thy garments hote, when the earth shall be blowen with the South winde? ¹⁸ Thou perhaps madest the heauens with him, which are most found, cast as it were of braffe. ¹⁹ Shew vs what we may say to him: for we are wrapped in darkenes. ²⁰ Who shall tel him the things that I speake? yea if man shall speake, he shall be deuoured. ²¹ But now they see not the light: suddenly the ayre shall be thickned into clowdes, and the wind passing by shall driue them away. ²² From the North gold cometh, & toward God ^afearful praying. ²³ We can not find him worthely: great of strength, and iudgement, and iustice, and he can not be vttered. ²⁴ Therefore shall men feare him, and all that come to themselves to be wise, shall not dare to behold ^bhim.

^a Man not able to praise God sufficiently, prayeth him with feare.

^b Job convinced the former three with sound answers, this last and most arrogant with silence.