

Chapter 38

God after terrour of a whirlwind, by way of examining his client Iob of diuers creatures about their nature, sheweth that no man hath perfect knowlege of them, much lesse of Gods immenfitie.

The third part.
For the tenth
and laft difpute
God difcuffeth
the con-
trouerfie, and
geueth fentence
for Iob.

But our Lord anfwering Iob out of a whirlwind, fayd: ² Who is this that wrappeth in sentences with vnskilful wordes? ³ Gird thy loynes as a man: I wil aske thee, and ^a)anfwer thou me. ⁴ Where waft thou when I layd ^b)the foundations of the earth? tel me if thou haft vnderftanding. ⁵ Who fet the meafures therof, if thou know? or who ftretched out the line vpon it? ⁶ Vpon what are the foundations therof grounded? or who let downe the corner ftone therof, ⁷ when the morning ftarres praifed me together, and al the fonnes of God made iubilation? ⁸ Who fhut in the ^c)fea with doores when it brake forth proceding as it were out of a matrice? ⁹ When I made a clowde the garment therof, and wrapped it in darkenes as in cloutes of infancie. ¹⁰ I compaffed it with my boundes, and put barre and doores. ¹¹ And I fayd: Hitherto thou fhalt come, and fhalt not procede farder, & here thou fhalt breake thy fwelling waues. ¹² Didft thou after thy birth command ^d)the morning, and fhew the dawning his place? ¹³ And didft thou hold the extremities of the earth fhaking them, and haft thou fhaken the impious out of it? ¹⁴ The feale fhall be reftored as clay and fhall ftand as a garment: ¹⁵ From the impious their light fhall be taken away, and the high arme fhall be broken. ¹⁶ Haft thou entered into ^e)the depths of the fea, and walked in the loweft parts of the great depth? ¹⁷ Haue the gates of death been

^a Onlie God the Creator hath abfolute and perfect knowlege of al creatures. As may appeare by induction, or example:

^b Of the creation of the earth,

^c Of the fea,

^d Diftinction of lightes,

^e The depth of the fea,

opē to thee, & haft thou feen the darkefome doores?
¹⁸ Haft thou cōfidered the bredth of the earth? tel me if
thou know al things, ¹⁹ in what way the light dwelleth,
& what is the place of darkneffe. ²⁰ That thou cāft bring
euerie thing to his borders, & vnderftād the pathes of
the houfe therof. ²¹ ^{a)} Didft thou know then that thou
fhoudeft be borne? & didft thou know the number of
thy dayes? ²² Haft thou entred into the treafures of the
fnow, or haft thou beheld treafures of haile? ²³ Which
I haue prepared for the time of the enemie, for the day
of fight & battel? ²⁴ What way is the ^{b)}light fpred, is
heate diuided vpō the earth? ²⁵ Who ^{c)}gaue courfe to
the moft vehemēt flower, and the way of the founding
thunder: ²⁶ That it fhould rayne vpon the earth, with-
out man in the defert, where no mortal man abideth:
²⁷ That it fhould fil the defert and defolate ground, and
fhould bring forth greene graffe? ²⁸ Who is the father
of rayne? or who begot the drops of dew? ²⁹ Out of
whofe womb came forth yce? and froft from heauen
who ingendred? ³⁰ Waters are hardned like ftone, and
the face of the depth is congealed. ³¹ Shalt thou be able
to ioyne together the fhining ^{d)}ftarres Pleiades, or canft
thou diffipate the circuite of Arcturus? ³² Doeft thou
bring forth the day ftarre in his time, & make the euen-
ing ftarre to rife vpon the childrē of the earth? ³³ Doeft
thou know the order of heauen, and fhalt thou put downe
the reafon therof on the earth? ³⁴ Shalt thou eleuate the
voice in the cloud, & the violence of the waters couer
thee? ³⁵ Shalt thou fend lightnings, and wil they goe,
and returning fhall they fay to thee: Here we are? ³⁶ Who
put ^{e)}wifedom in the hart of man? or who gaue the
^{f)}cocke vnderftāding? ³⁷ Who fhall declare the manner
of the heauens, and the harmonie of heauen who fhall

^a Mans owne natiuitie, and what fhall happen after his death,

^b The funnes light and heat,

^c Diuers Meteors.

^d Starres, and planets.

^e Man hath his knowledge from God,

^f And the cock hath skil which man wanteth.

or reft from motion. make to fleep? ³⁸ When was the duft powred on the earth, and the clods cōpact together? ³⁹ ^{a)} Shalt thou take a prey for the lioneffe and fil the appetite of her whelps? ⁴⁰ When they lie in the dennes, & in holes fit in wayte? ⁴¹ Who prepareth for the rauen her meate, when her yong ones crie to God, wandring about, becaufe they haue not meate?

^a In fome Editions the 39. chap. beginneth here, fhewing by induction of fenfible things (as before of infenfible) that only God knoweth the nature of al creatures.