

Chapter 40

Our Lord further sheweth that mans powre, nor iuftice, is not comparable to Gods, 10. as appeareth in ouercoming Behemoth, 20. and Leuiathan.

And our Lord anfwering Iob out of the whirlwinde, fayd: ² Gird thy loynes as a man: I wil aske thee, and doe thou tel me. ³ Shalt thou make my ^aiudgement of none effect: and condemne me, that thou mayft be iuftified? ⁴ And haft thou an arme as God, and doft thou thunder with like voice? ⁵ Put beautie about thee, and fet vp thy felfe aloft, and be glorious, and put on goodlie garmentes. ⁶ Difperfe the prowde in thy furie, and beholding euerie arrogant man, humble him. ⁷ Behold al the prowde, and confound them, and deftroy the impious in their place. ⁸ Hide them in the duft together, and plunge their faces in the pit. ⁹ And I wil confeffe, that thy right hand is able to faue thee. ¹⁰ Behold, ^bBehemoth whom I made with thee, shal eate hay as it were an oxe. ¹¹ His ftrengh is in his loynes, and his powre in the nauil of his bellie. ¹² He gathereth together his taile as the ceder tree, the finewes of his ftones are perplexe. ¹³ His bones are as pipes of braffe, his griftle as it were plates of iron. ¹⁴ He is the beginning of the wayes of God, which made him, he shal applie his fword. ¹⁵ To him the mountaines beare graffe: al the beaftes of the filde shal play there. ¹⁶ He fleepeth vnder the shadow, in the fecrete of the reede, and in moyft places. ¹⁷ Shadowes doe protect his shadow, the willowes of the torrent shal compaffe him. ¹⁸ Loe, he shal fup vp

^a Though Iob had truly auouched that his finnes deferued not fo great afflictions, yet he ought to haue acknowleged that God afflicted him iuftly, for fome other caufe knowne to God, but vnknowē to him, which he not confeffing femed to make Gods iudgement vniuft: or, *of none effect.* *S. Greg. li. 32. c. 3.*

^b An Elephant the greateft of al beaftes, of long life, ftiong, meke, temperate, chaift, ouercome by the Vnicorne, or Dragon, or taken by the nofe & ledde away. How much more doth Gods prouidence geue man powre to ouercome the diuel?

the riuer, and shal not meruaile: and he hath confidence that Iordan may runne into his mouth. ¹⁹ In his eies as with a hooke he shal take him, and with ftakes he shal boare through his nofthrels. ²⁰ Canft thou drawe out the ^aLeuiathan with a hooke, and with a rope shalt thou tye his tongue? ²¹ Shalt thou put a ring in his nofthrels, or bore through his iaw with a buckle? ²² Wil he multiplie prayers to thee, or fpeake to thee gentle wordes? ²³ Wil he make a couenant with thee, and shalt thou take him to be a feruant for euer? ²⁴ Shalt thou delude him as a birde, or tye him for thy handmaydes? ²⁵ Shal freindes cut him, merchantes diuide him? ²⁶ Shalt thou fil nettes with his skinne, and the cabbin of fishes with his heade? ²⁷ Lay thy hand vpon him: remember battel, and adde to fpeake no more. ²⁸ Behold his hope shal frufrate him, and in the fight of al he shal be caft downe headlong.

^a An huge great fifh, perhaps, the whale, exceding mans powre to be managed, yet is fubiect (as alfo the diuel fignified therby) to Gods powre, and prouidence.