

Chapter 01

Superiors are admonished to do iustice, sincerely feking God. 7. Who being eury where feeth al thinges. 11. Murmuration, detraction, and lying bring to perdition. 13. God created men to liue, but they brought death vpon themfelues.

The 1. part.
An admonition to loue and practife iustice.

3. Reg. 3.

Ifa. 56.

2. Par. 15.

Loue iustice, you that iudge the earth. Thincke of our Lord in goodnes, and in simplicitie of hart seeke him: ² because he is found of them, that tempt him not: and he appeareth to them, that haue faith in him. ³ For ^a)peruerse cogitations seperate from God: and proued powre chafteneth the vnwife: ⁴ because wisdom wil not enter into a malicious foule, nor dwel in a bodie subiect to finnes. ⁵ For the Holie Ghoft of difcipline, wil flie from him that feyneth, and wil withdraw himselfe from the cogitations, that are without vnderftanding, and he shal be chaftened of iniquitie enfewing. ⁶ For the spirite of wisdom is gentle, and wil not deliuer ^b)the curfer from his lippes: because God is witnes of his reynes, and he is a true searcher of his hart, and an hearer of his tongue. ⁷ Because the Spirite of our Lord hath replenished the whole world: and that which contayneth al thinges, hath the knowledge of voice. ⁸ For this cause he that speakech vniuft thinges, can not be hid, neither shal the chaftifing iudgment passe him. ⁹ For in the cogitations of the impious there shal be examination: and the hearing of his workes shal come to God, to the chaftifing of his iniquities. ¹⁰ Because the eare of ieloufie heareth al thinges, and the tumult of murmurings shal not be hid. ¹¹ Kepe your felues therefore from murmuring, which profiteth nothing, and refraine your tongue from detraction, because an obfcure speache shal not passe in vaine: and the mouth that lyeth, killeth the foule. ¹² ^c)Zeale not death in the error of your life,

Gal. 5. v. 22.

^a Mortal finnes are not only committed in dedes & vvordes, but also in thoughtes.

^b He that maliciously curfeth is curfed of God.

^c Be not caufe of your owne eternal death by euil life.

neither procure ye perdition by the workes of your handes. ¹³ Because God made not death, neither doth he reioyce in the perdition of the liuing. ¹⁴ For he created al thinges to be: and he made the nations of the earth to health: and ^a)there is no medicine of destruction in them, ^b)nor kingdome of hel in the earth. (¹⁵ For iuftice is perpetual and immortal.) ¹⁶ But the impious with handes & wordes haue ^c)prouoked it: and efteming it a freind, haue fallen to decay, and haue made couenantes with it: becaufe they are worthie to be the part therof.

^a Desperate death deliuereth not the wicked from calamities.

^b Neither are anie damned vvhiles they are in this life.

^c But finners not repenting bring eternal death to them felues.