

Chapter 03

The iuft condemned by the wicked, and proued by tentations are happie, 10. and the wicked vnhappie. 12. Chaftitie shal be rewarded, & adulterous generations shal not prosper.

Chap. 5. v. 4.

But ^{a)}the foules of the iuft are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shal not touch them. ² ^{b)}They femed in the eies of the vnwife to die: and their deceafe was counted affliction: ³ and that which with vs is the way, is deftruction: but they are in peace. ⁴ And though before men they fuffered torments, their hope is ful of immortalitie. ⁵ Vexed in few thinges, in many they shal be wel difpofed of: becaufe God hath tempted them, and hath found them worthie of him felfe. ⁶ As gold in the furnace he hath proued them, and as an hof of holocaust he hath receiued them, and in time there shal be refpect of them.

Mat. 13. v. 43.

⁷ The iuft shal shine, and as fparkes in a place of reedes they shal runne abroad. ⁸ They ^{c)}shal iudge nations, & haue dominion ouer peoples, and their Lord shal reigne for euer. ⁹ They that truſt in him, ſhal vnderſtand truth: and the faithful in liue ſhal reſt in him: becauſe reſt and peace is to his elect. ¹⁰ But the impious according to the thinges which they haue thought, ſhal haue correption: which haue neglected the iuft, & haue reuolted from our Lord. ¹¹ For he that reiecteth wiſdom, and diſcipline, is vnhappie: and their hope is vaine, and labours without fruite and their workes vnprofitable. ¹² Their ^{d)}wiues are fenſles, and their children moſt wicked. ¹³ Curſed

^a Temporal death of the iuft, is the way to eternal life. VWhere damnation (called here the tormēt of death) ſhal not touch them.

^b For albeit Martyrs ſeme in the eyes of the vnwife to dye, or to be extinguiſhed, they paſſe in dede into eternal, and vnſpeakable glorie.

^c Al the iuft ſhal approue Gods iudgmēt, condemning the wicked.

^d Literally is vnderſtood, that the wiues of adulterers, often become adultreſſes, & their children wicked. Morally, their ſenſualitie & al their vvorkes are wholly corrupted.

is their creature: becaufe happie is the barren woman:
and the vndefiled, which hath not knowen bed in finne,
she shal haue fruite in vifitation of holie foules: ¹⁴ and
See S. Ierom *in* the eunuch, that hath not wrought iniquitie with his
Ifa. 56. v. 4. hands, nor thought moft wicked things againft God: for
the chofen gift of fayth shal be geuen to him, and a
moft acceptable lot in the temple of God. ¹⁵ For of good
labour there is glorious fruite, and the roote of wifdom
which falleth not. ¹⁶ But the children of adulterers shal
be in confummation, and the fede of the vnlawful bed
shal be deftroyed. ¹⁷ And if certes they be of long life,
they shal be reputed for nothing, & their laft old age
shal be without honour. ¹⁸ And if they dye quickly they
shal haue no hope, nor fpeach of comfort in the day of
acknowledging. ¹⁹ For of a wicked nation the endes are
cruel.