

Chapter 02

He inferreth of the forefaid, that it shal be incomparably more damnable for them to neglect the new Teftament then the old, 3. confidering the irrefragable authoritie of the Apoftles alfo. 5. Then he profecuteth the excellencie of Chrift aboute the Angels, 9. who neuertheles, was made leffer then Angels, to fuffer and die for men to deftroy the dominion of the Diuel, 15. to deliuer men from feare of death, 17. and be a fit Prieft for men.

*μήποτε πα-
ραρυώμεν*

Therfore more abundantly ought we to obferue thofe things which we haue heard: ^a) left perhaps we runne out. ² For if the word that was fpoken by Angels, became fure, and al preuarication and difobedience hath receiued a iuft retribution of reward: ³ how fhall we efcape if we neglect fo great faluation? which when it was begun to be declared by our Lord, of them that heard was confirmed on vs, ⁴ God withal teftifying by fignes, and vvonders, and diuers miracles, and diftributions of the Holy Ghofit according to his wil. ⁵ For not to Angels hath God made fubieft the world to come, whereof we fpeake. ⁶ But one hath teftified in a certaine place, faying: *What is man, that thou art mindful of him: or the fonne of man, that thou vifiteft him?* ⁷ *Thou didft minish him litle leffe then Angels: with glorie and honour thou haft crowned him, and conftituted him ouer the workes of thy hands.* ⁷ *All things haft thou made fubieft vnder his feet.* For in that he fubiefted al things to him, he left nothing not fubieft to him. But now we fee not as yet al things fubieft to him. ⁸ But him that was a litle leffened vnder the

Mar. 16, 20.

Pf. 8, 5.

1. Cor. 15.

Eph. 1.

Philip. 2, 8.

^a As that which runneth out of a broken veffel, or that runneth by, is loft.

Angels, we see IESVS, ^a)because of the passion of death, crowned with glorie and honour: that through the grace of God he might taste death for al. ⁹ For it became him for whom al things, and by whom al things, that had brought many children into glorie, to consummate the Authour of their saluation, by his passion. ¹⁰ For he that sanctifieth, and they that be sanctified; al of one. For the which cause he is not ashamed to call them Brethren, ¹¹ saying: *I wil declare thy name to my Brethren: in the middes of the Church wil I praise thee.* ¹² And againe: *I wil haue affiance in him.* And againe: *Behold here am I & my children: whom God hath giuen me.* ¹³ Therefore because the children haue communicated with flesh and blood, himself also in like manner hath been partaker of the same: that by death he might destroy him that had the empire of death, that is to say, the Diuel: ¹⁴ and might deliuer them that by the feare of death through al their life were subiect to feruitude.

Pf. 21, 23.

Pf. 17, 3.

Ef. 8, 18.

Ofe. 13, 14.

1. Cor. 15, 54.

¹⁵ For no where doth he take Angels: but ^b)the seed of Abraham he taketh. ¹⁶ Wherevpon he ought in al things to be like vnto his brethren: that he might become a merciful and faithful high Priest before God, that he might repropitiate the finnes of the people. ¹⁷ For in that wherein himself suffered and was tempted: he is able to help them also that are tempted.

^a This proueth against the Caluinists that Christ by his Passion merited his owne glorification: which they would not for shame deny of Christ, but that they are at a point to deny al meritorious workes, yea euen in Christ also. And therefore they translate also this sentence heretically, by transposing the words. *In the Bible printed the yeare 1579.*

^b The dignitie of man, in that Christ tooke our nature vnto his Person in Deitie, and not the nature of Angels.