

Chapter 03

By example of Chrif (who is incomparably more excellent then Moyfes alfo) he exhorteth them to be faithful vnto God. 7. Their reward shal be, to enter into euerafting reft, if they perfeuer: as contrariwife to be excluded (as was shadowed in their forefathers in the wildernes) if they finne and become incredulous.

Wherefore, holy Brethren, partakers of the heauenly vocation, confider the Apofle, and high Priest of our confeffion IESVS: *Nu. 12, 7.* ² who is faithful to him that made him, as alfo Moyfes in al his houle. ³ For, this man is eftemed worthie of more ample glorie about Moyfes, by fo much as more ample glorie then the houle, hath he that framed it. ⁴ For euery houle is framed of fome man. But he that created al things, is God. ⁵ And Moyfes indeed was faithful in al his houle as a feruant, for a teftimonie of thofe things which were to be faid: ⁶ but Chrif as the Sonne in his owne houle: which houle are we, if we keep firme the confidence and glorie of hope vnto the end.

The excellencie of Chrif about Moyfes.

Pf. 94, 8. ⁷ Wherefore, as the Holy Ghoft faith: *To day if you shal heare his voice, ⁸ harden not your harts as in the exacerbation according to the day of tentation in the defert, ⁹ where your fathers tempted me: proued and faw my workes ¹⁰ fourtie yeares. For the which caufe I was offended with this Generation, and faid, They doe alwaies erre in hart. And they haue not knownen my* as *waies. ¹¹ 'To whom' I fware in my wrath, If they shal enter into my reft.*

⁸ Beware Brethren, left perhaps there be in fome of you an euil hart of incredulitie, to depart from the liuing God. ⁹ But exhort your felues euery day, whiles *to day* is named, that none of you be obdurate with the fallacie of finne. ¹⁰ For we be made partakers of Chrif: yet fo if we keep the ^a)beginning of his fubftance firme vnto the end.

^a Faith is the groundworke of our creation in Chrif, which if we hold not faft, al the building is loft.

¹¹ While it is faid, *to day if you shal heare his voice, doe not obdurate your harts as in that exacerbation.* ¹² For some hearing did exasperate: but not al they that went out of Ægypt by Moyfes. ¹³ And with whom was he offended fourtie yeares? was it not with them that finned, *Nu. 14, 37.* whose carcaffes were ouerthrowen in the desert? ¹⁴ And *21, 23.* to whom did he fweare that they fould not enter into his rest: but to them that were incredulous? ¹⁵ And we see that they could not enter in, becaufe of incredulitie.