Chapter 4

Leauing Iewrie because of the Pharises, in the way to Galilee he talketh with a Samaritane woman, telling her that he wil giue water of euerlasting life, 16. shewing himself to know mens secrets, 19. preferring the Iewes religion before the Samaritanes, but ours (the Christian Catholike religion) before them both, 25. and vttering vnto her that he is Christ. 28. which by her testimonie and his preaching very many Samaritanes doe beleeue: he in the meane time foretelling his Disciples, of the haruest he wil send them into. 45. The Galileans also receive him, where againe he worketh his second miracle.

hen IESVS therfore vnderftood that the Pharifees heard that IESVS maketh moe Difciples, and baptizeth, then Iohn, ² (howbeit IESVS did not baptize, but his Difciples) ^{a)3} he left Iewrie, and went againe into Galilee. ⁴ And he had of neceffitie to paffe through Samaria. ⁵ He commeth therfore into a citie of Samaria which is called Sichar; befide the Manour that Iacob gaue to Iofeph his fonne. ⁶ And there was there the fountaine of Iacob. IESVS therfore wearied of his iourney, fate fo vpon the fountaine. It was about the fixt houre.

Gen. 48, 22.

⁷ There cometh a woman of Samaria ^{b)}to draw water. IESVS faid to her: Giue me to drinke. ⁸ For his Difciples were gone into the citie, to buie meates. ⁹ Therfore that Samaritane woman faith to him: How doeft thou being a Iewe, aske of me to drinke, which am a Samaritane woman? For the Iewes doe not communicate with the Samaritanes. ^{c)10} IESVS answered, and faid

^a He did not baptize ordinarily: yet that he baptized his Apoftles, S. Aug. thinketh it very probable, *ep. 108*.

^b This woman is a figure of the Church, not yet iuftified, but now to be iuftified. Aug. tract. 15. in Ioan.

^c There were many other causes why the faithful Iewes could not abide the Samaritans, but their precise abstancing from their companie & couersation, was their Schismatical Teple and Seruice in mout Garizim.

to her: If thou didft know the guift of God, and who he is that faith vnto thee, Giue me to drinke; thou perhaps wouldft haue asked of him, and he would haue giuen the liuing water. a)11 The woman faith to him: Sir, neither haft thou wherein to draw, and the well is deep; whence haft thou liuing water? 12 art thou greater then our Father Iacob, who gaue vs the wel, & himfelf dranke of it, and his children, and his cattel? 13 IESVS answered, and faid to her: Euery one that drinketh of this water, shal thirft againe; but he that shal drinke of the water that I wil giue him, shal not thirft for euer, 14 but the water that I wil giue him, shal become in him a fountaine of water springing vp vnto life euerlasting. 15 The woman faith to him: Lord giue me this water, that I may not thirft, nor come hither to draw.

¹⁶ IESVS faith to her: Goe, cal thy husband and come hither. ¹⁷ The woman answered and faid: I haue no husband. IESVS faid to her: Thou hast faid wel, that I haue no husband. ¹⁸ For thou hast had fiue husbands; and he whom thou now hast, is not thy husband. This thou hast faid truely.

Deu. 12, 6. Pf. 121, 13.

4. Reg. 17, 20. 18, 36.

¹⁹ The woman faith to him: Lord, I perceive that thou art a Prophet. ²⁰ Our Fathers adored in this mountaine, and you fay that at Hierufalem is the place where men muft adore. ²¹ IESVS faith to her: Woman beleeue me, that the houre fhal come, when you fhal neither in this mountaine, nor in Hierufalem adore the Father. ²² You adore that you know not: we adore that we know; for faluatio is of the Iewes. ²³ But the houre commeth, and now is, when the true adorers fhal adore the Father in fpirit and veritie. For the Father also seeketh such to adore him. ²⁴ God is a Spirit, and they that adore him, must adore in spirit and veritie. ²⁵ The woman saith to him: I know that Messias commeth, (which is called Christ) therfore when he commeth, he wil flow vs al things. ²⁶ IESVS faith to her: I am he, that fpake with thee.

^a He fpeaketh of his baptizing in the Holy Ghoft. See Io. c. 7, 39.

²⁷ And incontinent his Difciples came: and they maruelled that he talked with a woman. No man for al that faid: What feekeft thou, or why talkeft thou with her?

²⁸ The woman therfore left her water-pot: and fhe went into the citie, and faith to those men: ²⁹ Come, and fee a man that hath told me al things whatsoeuer I haue done. Is not he Christ? ³⁰ They went forth therfore out of the citie, and came to him.

31 In the meane time the Difciples defired him, faying: Rabbi eate. 32 But he faid to them: I have meate to eate which you know not. ³³ The Difciples therfore faid one to another: Hath any man brought him for to eate? ³⁴ IESVS faith to them: My meate is to doe the wil of him that fent me, to perfit his worke. 35 Doe not you fay that yet there are four moneths, and harueft commeth? Behold I fay to you, lift vp your eyes, and fee the Countries, that they are white already to haruft. ³⁶ And he that reapeth, receiveth hire, and gathereth fruit vnto life euerlafting: that both he that foweth, and he that reapeth, may reioyce together. ³⁷ For in this is the faying true: that it is one man that foweth, and it is another that reapeth. ³⁸ I have fent you to reape that which you laboured not: others have laboured, & you haue entred into their labours.

³⁹ And of that citie many beleeued in him of the Samaritans, for the word of the ^{a)}woman giuing teftimonie, that he told me al things whatfoeuer I haue done. ⁴⁰ Therfore when the Samaritans were come to him, they defired him that he would tarie there. And he taried there two daies. ⁴¹ And many moe beleeued for his owne word. ⁴² And they faid to the woman, That now not for thy faying doe we beleeue; for our felues haue heard, and doe know that this is the Sauiour of the world indeed.

^a This woman myftically beig the Church, it is here fignified that they which at the first believe because the Church teacheth so, afterward be much confirmed, finding it in the Scripture also, and by other instructions.

⁴³ And after two daies he departed thence; and went into Galilee. ⁴⁴ For IESVS himfelf gaue teftimonie that a Prophet hath not homour in his owne countrie: Therfore when he was come into Galilee, the Galilæans received him, whereas they had feen al things that he had done at Hierufalem in the feftival day: for

themselues also came to the festival day. ⁴⁵ He came againe therfore into Cana of Galilee. Io. 2, 9. where he made water wine. And there was a certaine Lord whofe fonne was ficke at Capharnaum. ⁴⁶ He hauing heard that IESVS came from Iewrie into Galilee, went to him, and defired him that he would come downe and heale his fonne, For he began to die. 47 IESVS therfore faid to him: Vnleffe you fee fignes and wonders, you believe not. 48 The Lord faith to him: Lord, come downe before that my fonne die. 49 IESVS faith to him: Goe, thy fonne liueth. The man believed the word that IESVS faid to him, and went. 50 And as he was now going downe, his feruants met him: and they brought word, faying, That his fonne liued. 51 He asked therfore of them the houre, wherein he was amended. And they faid to him, That yesterday at the seaueth houre the feuer left him. 52 The father therfore knew that it was in the fame houre wherein Iesus faid to him: Thy fonne liueth, and himfelf beleeued and his whole house. 53 This agains the fecond figne did IESVS, when he was Io. 2, 11. come from Iewrie into Galilee.

ANNOTATIONS

20 Our Fathers adored) By adoration is meant doing of Sacrifice. For other offices of Religion might be done in any place. The Samaritanes to defend their adoring in Garizim, pretěded their worfhiping there to be more ancient then the Iewes in Hierufalem, referring it to Iacob: whereas indeed that Patriarch adoring there before the Temple was appointed, or the Law giuen, made nothing for their Schifme: which was begun by Manaffes a fugitive Prieft, only to hold his vnlawful wife thereby, and to obtaine Superioritie in Schifme: which he could not doe in the vnitie of his brethren; long after the Temple of Hierufalem from which reuolt was made. Therfore Chrift giueth fentence for the Iewes & the Temple of

The Schifmatical Temple contendeth againft the true Temple.

Iofeph. l. antiq. 11. c. 8.

Mt. 4, 12. Mr. 1, 14.

Luc. 4, 14.

Hierufalem, affirming that they had a good ground thereof, but the Samaritans none at al.

Iofephus also recordeth how the Samaritans demanded of Alexander the Great, the like priviledges & immunities as he had granted to the high Prieft and Temple of Hierufalem, pretending their Temple to be as great and as worthy, and themselues to be Iewes as the other, and to worship the same God. But their Schismatical hypocrifie was eafily fpied and dimiffed with nothing. Another time the Iewes and Samaritanes (as the fame writer teftifieth) made a great fturre in Alexandria about the truth and antiquitie of the Schifmatical Temple & feruice in Garizim, and the other true Temple of Salomon: in fo much that the matter was put to arbitrement by Ptolomæus the Kings commandement, only to trie whether of the two was first. And the Schismatikes (as their cuftome is) per faltum can make their Church or feruice as old as they like, referring it to the Patriarches, as our Schifmatikes doe now to Chrift and the Apoftles. But when the trial was made, only they of Hierufalem did inuincibly proue by continual fuccession of their Priests, and by the iust note of the time when the Schifmatikes went out from them, that theirs was the lawful, and the other the falfe Temple and falfe adoration. And fo it was judged, and the Samaritanes put to filence. Afterward the faid Schifmatikes (which is lightly the end of al Schifmes) reuolted quite from the Iewes religion, and dedicated their Temple in Garizim to Iupiter Olympius, as Caluins fupper and his bread and wine is like at length to come to the facrifice of Ceres & Bacchus.

The true Temple preuaileth.

The true Temple is proued by continual fuccession.

Chriftian adoratio throughout al Nations in euery place, in fpirit & veritie: that is in the Sacraments & Seruice of the new law, ful of fpirit & grace: in the veritie of things before prefigured, fpecially the true Sacrifice of Chrifts body and bloud.

the end & ceasing of their Sacrifice & adoration in both the Temples should shortly be, and even then was begun to be fulfilled: inftructiong her in three things concerning that point. First, that the true Sacrifice should be tied no more to that one place or Nation, but that true adoration should be throughout al Nations according to the Prophecie of Malachie. Secondly, that the groffe and carnal adoration by the flesh and bloud of beaftes and other external terrene creatures not having in them grace, fpirit, and life, should be taken away, & another Sacrifice fucceed, which should be in itself inuifible, celeftial, diuine, ful of life, Spirit & grace. And thirdly, that this adoration & Sacrifice should be the veritie itself whereof al the former Sacrifices and Hostes were but fhadowes & figures. And he calleth that here fpirit and truth, which in the first Chapter is called grace and truth. Al which is no more but a prophecie and description of the Sacrifice of the faithful Getils in the bodie & bloud of Chrift: not that it is not by external meanes given to vs (for otherwife we being men confifting of flesh & bloud could not be capable thereof) but that it is fpirit and life in it felf, being the flesh of the WORD of God. And if a man enlarge the word of Adoration, (which here as is

23 In Spirit and veritie) Our Sauiour foretelleth her that

Mal. 1. 11.

Iofeph. l. 12. antiq. c. 6.

Io. 1, 17.

faid, fignifieth properly the worship of God by Sacrifice) to al the Sacraments of the new Law, they al likewife be fpirit and grace, the Holy Ghoft working inuifibly and internally vpon our foules by euery one of the. Whereupon our Baptifme, is water & the Holy Ghoft: our Penance, the word of abfolution & the Holy Ghoft: our Confirmation, oile & the Holy Ghoft by imposition of handes: finally, al the adoration of the Catholike Church, is properly spiritual, though certaine external creatures for our natures, state and necessitie, be ioned thereunto. Take heed therfore thou gather not of Christs wordes, that Christian men should have no vse of external office towards God: for that would take away al Sacrifice, Sacraments, Praiers, Churches, and societie of men in his Service.