Chapter 10

He continueth his talke to the Pharifees, shewing that they and al other that wil not enter in by him, are wolues: and that they which heare them, are not the true sheep. 11. But that himfelf is the good Paftour, and therfore to faue the sheep from these wolues, he wil yeald his life, which otherwise no might of theirs could take from him, foretelling also his Resurrection, and vocation of the Gentils. 22. Againe another time, he telleth these Iewes openly, that they are not of his sheep, and that no might of theirs shal take from him his true sheep, because he is God, even as his Father is God. 31. Which by his miracles and by Scripture he sheweth to be no blasphemie: and they in vaine seeking to stone and to apprehend him, 40. he goeth out to the place where Iohn Baptist had given open witnes of him.

men, amen I fay to you, he that entreth not by the doore into the fold of the fheep, but 'climeth vp another way; he is a') a theefe and a robber. ² But he that entreth by the doore, is the Paftour of the fheep. ³ To this man the porter openeth; and the fheep heare his voice: and he calleth his owne fheep by name, and leadeth the forth. ⁴ And when he hath let forth his owne fheep, he b')goeth before them: and the fheep follow him, because they know his voice. ⁵ But a ftranger they follow not, but fly from him because they know not the voice of ftrangers. ⁶ This prouerb IESVS faid to them. But they knew not what he spake to them.

⁷ IESVS therfore faid to them againe: Amen, amen I fay to you, that I am the doore of the fheep. ⁸ And how many foeuer haue come, are theeues and robbers:

^a The theefe, is the Heretike fpecially, & any other that vnlawfully breake in vpon the fheepe to kil & deftroy the by false doctrine & otherwise.

^b That is the fashion of Iewrie & other coutries, fignifying that the shepheard or Pastour must teach the sheepe, & not they him.

Efa. 40, 11. Ezec. 34, 23. me if any enter, he shal be faued: & he shal goe in and fhal goe out, & fhal find paftures. 10 The theefe cometh not but to fteale and kil & deftroy. I came that they may haue life, & may haue more aboundatly. 11 I am the good Paftour. 12 The Igood Paftour giveth his life for his fleep. But the hireling & he that is not the Paftour, whose owne the sheep are not, seeth the wulfe comming, and leaueth the fleep, and flieth: and the wulfe raueneth, and difperfeth the fheep. ¹³ And the hireling *flyeth because he is a hireling; and he hath no care of the fheep. ¹⁴ I am the good Paftour; and I know mine, and mine know me. ¹⁵ As the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father: and a)I yeald my life for my fheep. ¹⁶ And ^b)other fheep I have that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shal heare my voice, and there fhal be made one fold and one Paftour. ¹⁷ Therfore the Father loueth me: because I yeald my life, that I may take it againe. 18 No man taketh it away

but the fheep heard them not. ⁹ I am the doore. By

Eze. 37, 24.

Efa. 53, 7. from me: but I yeald it of myfelf. And I haue the power to yeald it: and I haue power to take it againe. This commandement I received of my Father.

¹⁹ A diffension rose againe among the Iewes for these wordes. ²⁰ And many of them said: He hath a Diuel and is mad; why heare you him? ²¹ Others said: These are not the wordes of one that hath a Diuel. Can a Diuel open the eyes of blind men?

1. Mac. 4, 56. 59.

²² And the Dedication was in Hierufalem: and it was winter. ²³ And IESVS walked in the Temple, in Salomons porch. ²⁴ The Iewes therfore compaffed him round about, and faid to him: How long doeft thou hold our foule in fufpenfe? if thou be Christ, tel vs openly. ²⁵ IESVS answered them: I speake to you; and you beleeue not; the workes that I doe in the name of my Father, they give testimonie of me. ²⁶ But you doe not beleeue, because you are not of my sheep. ²⁷ My

^a Chriftes death was fo neceffarie for the flocke, that when he might haue escaped, he voluntarily offered himself to death for his flocke.

b He meaneth the Church of the Gentils.

fheep heare my voice; and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ And I giue them life euerlafting; and they fhal not perifh for euer, and no man fhal plucke them out of my hand. ^{29 a)}My Father, ⁴that which he hath giuen me, is greater then al: and no man can plucke them out of the hand of my Father. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.

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Pf. 81, 6.

31 The Iewes tooke vp ftones, to ftone him. 32 IESVS answered them: Many good workes I have shewed you from my Father, for which of those workes doe you ftone me? 33 The Iewes answered him: For a good worke we ftone thee not, but for blafphemie, and because thou being a man, makeft thyfelf God. ³⁴ IESVS answered them: Is it not written in your law, that I faid, you are Goddes? 35 If he called them Goddes, to whom the word of God was made, and the fcripture can not be broken; ³⁶ whom the Father hath fanctified and fent into the world, fay you, That thou blafphemest, because I faid I am the Sonne of God? 37 If I doe not the workes of my Father, believe me not. ³⁸ But if I doe, and if you wil not beleeue me, beleeue the workes: that you may know and beleeue that the Father is in me, and I in the Father. ³⁹ They fought therfore to apprehend him; and he went forth out of their handes.

⁴⁰ And he went againe beyond Iordan into that place where Iohn was baptizing firft; and he taried there. ⁴¹ and many came to him. and they faid: That Iohn indeed did no figne. But al things whatfoeuer Iohn faid of this man, were true. ⁴² And many beleeued in him.

Annotations

1 Climeth another way) Whofoeuer taketh vpon him to preach without lawful fending, to minifter Sacraments, & is not Canonically ordered of a true Catholike Bishop, to be a Curate of foules, Perfon, Bishop, or what other fpiritual Paftour foeuer, and commeth not in by lawful election and holy Churches ordinance to that dignity, but breaketh in againft order by force or fauour of men, and by humane lawes, he is a theefe & a murderer. So came

Arch-heretikes fpecially, are the theeues that clime in another way, not by the doore.

^a Another reading is, My Father that hath given me, &c.

in Arius, Caluin, Luther, & al Heretikes: & al that fucceed them in roome and doctrine. And generally every one that descendeth not by Lawful succession in the knowen ordinarie line of Catholike Bishops and Pastours that have been in al Countries fince their conversions. And according to this rule S. Irenæus li. 3. c. 3. trieth the true shepheards from the theeves and Heretikes. So doe Tertul. de Prase. nu. 11. S. Cypr. de vnit. Ec. nu. 7. S. August. ep. 165. & cont. ep. Manich. c. 4. and Lirinensis.

12 Good Paftour) The good Paftour, is he whose special care is not of his owne aduantage, but of the fafty of the flocke. The hireling, is he that respecteth not the profit and good of the flocke, but his owne lucre. The woulfe, is the Heretike, or any perfecutour of the Church, which is Christs flocke.

13 Flieth) Euery Bishop and Paftour is bound to abide with his flocke in times of danger & perfecution euen to death, except himfelf be perfonally fought for, rather then the flocke, or the flocke it felf forfake him. For in fuch cafes the Paftour may flye, as the Apoftles did, and S. Athanafius, and others. S. Athan. Apol. de fua fuga. August. ep. 180.

When the Paftour muft tarie, or may flie.

22 The dedication) This is the feaft of Dedication inftituted by Iudas Machabæus *li. 1. Mach. c. 4.* Chrift vouchfafed to honour and keepe that feaft inftituted by him: & our Heretikes vouchfafe not to pray and facrifice for the dead, vfed and approued by him. The Dedication also of Christian Churches is warranted thereby, with the annual memories thereof. And it proueth that such things may be instituted without any expresse commandement in Scripture.

Iudas Machabeus

Dedication of Churches.

29 That which he gaue me) Thus read alfo divers of the Fathers, namely S. Hilar. Trin. li. 7. poft medium. S. Ambr. de Sp. S. li. 3. c. 18. S. Auguft. in Io. tract 48. S. Cyril. li. 7. in Io. c. 10. and vfe it to prove that Chrift had his effence and nature of the Father. And therfore fome Heretikes of our time wickedly accuse the Councel of Laterane for falsifying this place & applying it to the same purpose. Which they less can abide, for that it is against Caluins Autotheisme, holding that Christ tooke his person of the Father, but not his substance. See the 2. Annot. in 1. Io. v. 1.

Chrifts effence & diuine nature of the Father.

Caluins autotheifme

2. Macha. 12.