

Chapter 9

His Twelue alfo now preaching euery where and working miracles. 6. Herod and al doe wonder much. 10. After which, he taketh them and goeth into the wilderneffe: where he cureth and teacheth, feeding 5000. with fiue loaues. 18. Peter confefing him to be Chrif, 22. he on the other fide foretelleth his Pafsion, and that al muft in time of perfecution follow him therein. 27. whereunto to encourage vs the more, 27. he giueth in his Transfiguration a fight of the glorie, which is the reward of fuffering. 37. The next day he cafteth out a Diuel which his Difciples could not. 43. whom amidde thefe wonders he forewarneth againe of his fcandalous Pafsion. 49. And to cure their ambition, he telleth them, that the moft humble he efteemeth moft: 49. bidding them alfo not to prohibit any that is not againft them. 51. Yea and toward fuch as be againft them Schifmatically, to shew mildnes for al that. 57. Of following him, three examples.

*Mt. 10, 1.
Mr. 3, 13. 6, 8.*

And calling together the twelue Apoftles, he gaue them ^a)vertue and power ouer al Diuels, and to cure maladies. ² And he fent them to preach the Kingdom of God; and to heale the ficke. ³ And he faid to them: Take nothing for the way, neither rod, nor skrip, nor bread, nor money, neither haue two coates. ⁴ And into whatfoeuer houfe you enter, tarie there, and thence doe not depart. ⁵ And whofoeuer shall not receiue you, going forth out of that citie, shake off the duft alfo of your feet ^b)for a teftimonie vpon them. ⁶ And going forth they went a circuit from towne to towne euangelizing and curing euery where.

*Mt. 14, 1.
Mar. 6, 14.*

⁷ And Herod the Tetrach heard al things that were done by him; and he ftaggered becaufe it was faid of

^a To command Diuels and difeafes either of body or foule, is by nature proper to God only: but by Gods guift, men alfo may haue the fame: euen fo to forgiue finnes.

^b A great fault to reiect the true Preachers, or not to admit them into houfe for needful harbour and fuftenace.

some, That Iohn was risen from the dead. ⁸ But of other some, That Elias hath appeared; and of others, that a Prophet one of the old ones was risen. ⁹ And Herod said: Iohn I haue beheaded; but who is this of whom I heare such things? And he sought for to see him.

Mt. 14, 13.
Mar. 6, 31.
Io. 6, 5.

¹⁰ And the Apostles being returned, reported to him whatsoever they did: and taking them he retired apart into a desert place, which belongeth to Beth-saida. ¹¹ Which the multitudes vnderstanding, followed him & he receiued them, and spake to them of the Kingdom of God, and them that had need of cure he healed. ¹² And the day began to draw towards an end. And the Twelve coming neere, said to him: Dimisse the multitudes, that going into townes and villages here about, they may haue lodging, and find meates; because here we are in a desert place. ¹³ And he said to them: Giue you them to eate. But they said: We haue no more but five loaves and two fishes; vnles perhaps we should goe & buy meates for al this multitude. ¹⁴ And there were men almost five thousand. And he said to his Disciples: Make them sit downe by companies fiftie and fiftie. ¹⁵ And so they did. And they made al sit downe. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked vp vnto Heauen, and ^a)bleffed them; and he brake, and distributed to his Disciples, for to set before the multitudes. ¹⁷ And ^b)they did al eate, and had their fill. And there was taken vp that which remained to them, twelue baskets of fragments.

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Mt. 16, 13.
Mar. 8, 27.

¹⁸ And it came to passe; when he was alone praying, his Disciples also were with him; and he asked them saying: Whom doe the multitudes say that I am? ¹⁹ But they answered, and said: Iohn the Baptist; and some, Elias; but some, that one of the Prophets before time is risen. ²⁰ And he said to them: But whom say ye that I am? Simon Peter answering, said: The Christ of God.

^a Here you see that he bleffed the things, and not only gaue thanks to God. See *Annot. Marci. c. 8, 7.*

^b The miraculous prouidence of God toward such as follow Christ into deserts, prison, banishment, or whithersoever.

²¹ But he rebuking them, commanded that they should tel this to no man, ²² faying: That the Sonne of man muft fuffer many things, and be reiected of the Ancients and cheefe Priefts and Scribes, and be killed, and the third day rife againe.

²³ And he faid to al: If any man wil come after me, let him denie himself, and take vp his croffe daily, and follow me. ²⁴ For he that wil faue his life, shal lofe it; for he that shal lofe his life for my fake, shal faue it. ²⁵ For what profit hath a man if he gaine the whole world, and lofe himself, and caft away himself? ²⁶ For he that shal be ashamed of me and of my wordes, him the Sonne of man shal be ashamed of, when he shal come in his maieftie, and his Fathers, and of the holy Angels. ²⁷ And I fay to you affuredly: There be fome ftanding here that shal not taft death, [†]til they fee the Kingdom of God.

Mt. 17, 1.
Mr. 9, 1.

²⁸ And it came to paffe after thefe wordes almoft eight daies, and he tooke Peter and Iames and Iohn, and went into a mountaine to pray. ²⁹ And whiles he prayed, the shape of his countenance was altered: and his raiment white and gliftering. ³⁰ And behold two men talked with him. And they were Moyfes and Elias, ³¹ appearing in maieftie. And they told his deceafe that he should accomplish in Hierufalem. ³² But Peter and they that were with him, were heauie with fleepe. And awaking, they faw his maieftie, and the two men that ftood with him. ³³ And it came to paffe, when they departed from him, Peter faid to IESVS: Maifter, it is good for vs to be here; and let vs make three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moyfes, and one for Elias: not knowing what he faid. ³⁴ And as he fpake thefe things, there came a cloud, and ouerfhadowed them: and they feared, when they entered into the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice was made out of the cloud, faying: This is my beloued Sonne, heare him. ³⁶ And whiles the voice was made, IESVS was found alone. And they held their peace, and told no man in thofe daies any of thefe things which they had feen.

The TRANS-
FIGVRATION.

2. Pet. 1, 17.

Mt. 17, 14.
Mr. 9, 17.

³⁷ And it came to paffe the day folowing, when they came downe from the mountaine, there met him a great multitude. ³⁸ And behold a man of the multitude

cried out, faying: Maifter, I befeech thee, looke vpon my fonne becaufe he is mine only one. ³⁹ And loe, the fpirit taketh him, and he fodenly crieth, and he dasheth him, and teareth him that he fometh, and with much adoe departeth renting him. ⁴⁰ And I defired thy Difciples to caft him out, and they could not. ⁴¹ And IESVS anfwering faid: ^{a)}O faithles and peruerfe Generation, how long fhall I be with you and fuffer you? bring hither thy fonne. ⁴² And when he came to him, the Diuel dashed, and tore him. And IESVS rebuked the vncleane Spirit, and healed the boy, and rendred him to his father. ⁴³ And al were aftonifhed at the might of God; and al merueling at al things that he did, he faid to his Difciples: ⁴⁴ Lay you in your hartes thefe wordes, for it fhall come to paffe that the Sonne of man fhall be deliuered into the hands of men. ⁴⁵ But they did not know this word, and it was couered before them, that they perceiued it not. And they were afraid to afke him of this word.

Mt. 18, 1.
Mar. 9, 34.

⁴⁶ And there entred ^{b)}a cogitation into them, which of them fhould be greater. ⁴⁷ But IESVS feeing the cogitations of their hart, tooke a child and fet him by him, ⁴⁸ and faid to them, whofoeuer receiueth this childe in my name, receiueth me, and whofoeuer receiueth me, receiueth him that fet me. For he that is the leffer among you al, he is the greater.

Mar. 9, 39.

⁴⁹ And Iohn anfwering faid: Maifter, we faw a certaine man cafting out Diuels in thy name, and we prohibited him, becaufe he followeth not with vs. ⁵⁰ And IESVS faid to him: ^{c)}Prohibit not. For he that is not againft you, is for you.

^a Incredulitie hindereth the effect of Exorcifmes, and other miraculous power giuen to the Church.

^b Defire of preeminence is an humane infirmitie often euen amōg the good. Againft which, Chrifft teacheth humility, but forbiddeth not Superiority.

^c There be fome that follow not Chrifft precifely in life and doctrine, of whom we may make our aduantage to the propogation of Chriftes honour and religion, when they doe any thing for the aduancement thereof, of what intention foever they doe it. *Philip. 1, 25.*

⁵¹ And it came to passe, whiles the daies of his assumption were accomplishing, and he fixed his face to goe into Hierufalem. ⁵² And he sent meffengers before his face; and going they entred into a citie of the Samaritans to prepare for him. ⁵³ And they receiued him not, because his face was to goe to Hierufalem. ⁵⁴ And when his Disciples Iames and Iohn had seen it, they said: Lord wilt thou we say that fire come downe from Heauen and confume ‘them?’ ⁵⁵ And turning, he rebuked them, saying: You know not of what spirit you are. ⁵⁶ The Sonne of man came not to destroy foules, but to saue. And they went into another towne.

them as Elias
also did?

⁵⁷ And it came to passe as they walked in the way, a certain man said to him: I wil follow thee whitherfoeuer thou goest. ⁵⁸ IESVS said to him: ^{a)}The foxes haue holes, and the foules of the aire nestes; but the Sonne of man hath not where to repose his head. ⁵⁹ But he said to another: Follow me. And he said: Lord, permit me first to goe, and to burie my father. ⁶⁰ And IESVS said to him: Let the dead burie their dead; but goe thou, set forth the Kingdom of God. ⁶¹ And another said: I wil follow thee Lord, but permit me first to take my leaue of them that are at home. ⁶² IESVS said to him: No man putting his hand to the plough, and looking backe, is apt for the Kingdom of God.

Mt. 8, 19.

ANNOTATIONS

²⁷ Til they see) To the Apostles, that had to preach the Kingdom of God and to suffer so much miserie for the same in this world, he would shew his glorie, and giue them a taste of his owne ioyful state and of his Saints in Heauen, calling thither Moyse and Elias, that the Law & Prophets might be witnesses of the same. See the *annotation vpon S. Matthew c. 17, 2.*

The Transfiguration.

Io. 4, 9. 3. Reg. 12, 17.
Tob. 1.

⁵³ Face to go to Hierufalem) The Samaritans were Schismatices from the Iewes, and had a Schismatical Temple in mount Garizim, of purpose to draw men thither from Gods Temple in Hierufalem, where only was the true and as it were the Catholike seruice and

^a This man would haue followed him for temporal commodities, and therefore was not suffered.

Sacrifice vnto God. Therefore they did not gladly receiue our Sauour, becaufe they perceiued he was going to Hierufalem.

55 He rebuked them) Not iuftice nor al rigorous punishment of finners is here forbidden, nor Elias fact reprehended, nor the Church or Chriftian Princes blamed for putting Heretikes to death: but that none of thefe should be done for defire of our particular reuenge, or without difcretion, & regard of their amendement, and example to others. Therefore S. Peter vfed his power vpon Ananias and Saphira, when he ftroke them both downe to death for defrauding the Church.

Act. 5.

62 No man looking backe) It is a dangerous temptation for a man that hath loft or left his goods for Chrif, to looke much backe at them, and to remember with delight the pleafures & eafes of this world. For it breedeth in him difcontentment of the troubles and croffes that are incident to the ftate of fuch as fully follow Chrif. In which cafe a man should euer looke forward towards Heauen, and neuer backward to the world.

Defire of reuenge.

The Churches feueritie.

Looking backe.