

Chapter 11

He teacheth a forme of prayer, 5. and exhorteth to pray instantly, 11. affuring that fo God wil giue vs good things. 14. The Iewes blaspheming his casting out of Diuels, and asking for a miracle from Heauen, 17. he defendeth his doing: 22. foretelling alfo the Diuels expulſion by him out of the world (that is, the vocation of the Gentils) 24. and his reentrie into their Nation, 27. with their reprobation though he be of their flesh, 29. and alfo their final moſt worthy damnation. 37. Againe, to the Pharifees and Scribes he crieth woe, as authours of the ſaid reprobation now at hand.

And it came to paſſe, when he was in a certaine place praying, as he ceaſed, one of his Diſciples ſaid to him: Lord teach vs to pray, as Iohn alfo taught his Diſciples. ² And he ſaid to them:

Mat. 6, 9. When you pray, ſay, FATHER, ſanctified by thy name. Thy Kingdom come, ³ Our daily bread giue vs this day, ⁴ and forgiue vs our finnes, for becauſe our felues alfo doe forgiue euery one that is in debt to vs. And lead vs not into temptation. ³ And he ſaid to them: Which of you ſhal haue a freind, and ſhal goe to him at midnight, and ſhal ſay to him, Freind, lend me three loaues, ⁴ becauſe a freind of mine is come out of his way to me, and I haue not what to ſet before him: ⁵ and he from within anſwering faith: Trouble me not, now the doore is ſhut, and my children are with me in bed; I can not riſe and giue thee. ⁶ And if he ſhal perfeuer knocking, I ſay to you, although he wil not riſe and giue him becauſe he is his friend, yet for his importunitie he wil riſe, and giue him as many as he needeth. ⁷ And I ſay to you, Aſke, and it ſhal be giuen you: ſeeke, and you ſhal find: knock, and it ſhal be opened to you. ⁸ For euery one that asketh, receiueth: and he that ſeeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it ſhal be opened. ⁹ And which of you if he aſke his father bread, wil he giue him a ſtone? or a fiſh, wil he for a fiſh giue him a ſerpent? ¹⁰ Or if he aſke an egge, wil he reach him a ſcorpion? ¹¹ If you then being

naught, know how to giue good guiftes to your children, how much more wil your father from Heauen giue the good Spirit to them that aske him?

Mt. 12, 12.

¹² And he was cafting out a Diuel, and that was dumme. And when he had caft out the Diuel, the dumme

Mr. 3, 22.

fpake: and the multitudes marueled. ¹³ And certaine of them faid: In Beel-zebub the prince of Diuels he cafteth

out Diuels. ¹⁴ And other tempting, asked of him a figne from Heauen. ¹⁵ But he feeing their cogitations, faid to them: Euery Kingdom deuided againft itfelf, fhall be

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made defolate, and houfe vpon houfe, fhall fall. ¹⁶ And

if Satan alfo be deuided againft himfelf, how fhall his Kingdom ftand? becaufe you fay that in Beel-zebub I

doe caft out Diuels. ¹⁷ And if I in Beel-zebub caft out Diuels: your children, in whom doe they caft out? therefore they fhall be your iudges. ¹⁸ But if I in the ^afinger

of God doe caft out Diuels; furely the Kingdom of God is come vpon you. ¹⁹ When the ftrong armed keepeth his court, thofe things are in peace that he poffeffeth. ²⁰ But

if a ftronger then he come vpon him and ouercome him; he wil take away his whole armour wherein he trusted,

and wil diftribute his fpoiles. ²¹ He that is not with me, is againft me: and he that gathereth not with me, fcattereth. ²² When the vncleane fpirit fhall depart out of a

man, he wandereth through places without water, feeking reft. And not finding, he faith, I wil returne into my houfe whence I departed. ²³ And when he is come, he

findeth it fwept with a befome, and trimmed. ²⁴ Then he goeth and taketh feuen other fpirits worfe then himfelf,

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²⁵ And it came to paffe, when he faid thefe things, a certaine woman lifting vp her voice out of the multitude

faid to him: ^aBleffed is the wombe that bare thee, and

^a This finger, is the Spirit of God, *Mt. 12, 13.*

the paps that thou didst fucke. ²⁶ But he said: ^aYea rather, bleffed are they that heare the word of God, and keepe it.

Mt. 1, 29. ²⁷ And the multitudes running together, he began to say: This Generation, is a wicked Generation: it asketh a signe, and a signe shall not be given it but

Io. 2, 2. ^bthe signe of Ionas the Prophet. ²⁸ For as Ionas was a signe to the Niniuites; so shall the Sonne of man also

3. Reg. 10, 1. be to this Generation. ²⁹ The Queene of the South shall rise in the iudgement with the men of this Generation, and shall condemne them: because she came from the ends of the earth to heare the wisdom of Salomon. And behold, more then Salomon here. ³⁰ The men of Ninivee shall rise in the iudgement with this Generation, and

Io. 3, 5. shall condemne it, because they ^bdid penance at the preaching of Ionas. And behold, more then Ionas here.

Mt. 5, 15. ³¹ No man lighteth a candle, and putteth it in

Mr. 4, 21. secret, neither vnder a bushel: but vpon a candlestick, that they that goe in may see the light. ³² The candle of thy body is thine eye. If thine eye be simple, thy whole

Mt. 6, 22. body shall be lightfome: but if it be naught, thy body also shall be darkefome. ³³ See therefore that the light which is in thee, be not darkeneffe. ³⁴ If then thy whole

body be lightfome, hauing no part of darkeneffe: it shall be lightfome wholly, and as a bright candle it shall lighten thee.

³⁵ And when he was speaking, a certaine Pharisee desired him that he would dine with him. And he going in fate downe to eate. ³⁶ And the Pharisee began to thinke within himself and to say: Why he was not washed before dinner. ³⁷ And our Lord said to him: Now you Pharisees doe make cleane that on the out side of the cup

and of the platter; but that of yours which is within,

^a The said mother of God, in that also was Bleffed that she was the tēporal meanes & minister of the Incarnatiō, but much more Bleffed, in that she cōtinueth the perpetual keeper of his word. *Beda, Aug. tract. 19. in Ioan.*

^b μετενόησαν. Marke that the great penance of the Niniuites (*Ionæ 3.*) is here expreffed by this Greeke word. See *Annot. Mt. 3, 2.*

*quod super-
est, τὰ ἐνόητα.*

is ful of rapine and iniquitie. ³⁸ Fooles, did not he that made that on the out fide, make that also that is on the infide? ³⁹ But yet that that remaineth, ⁴⁰ giue almes, & behold al things are cleane vnto you. ⁴⁰ But woe to you Pharifees, becaufe you tithe mint and rew and euery herbe: and paffe ouer iudgement and the charitie of God. But thefe things you ought to haue done, and not to omit thofe. ⁴¹ Woe to you Pharifees, becaufe you loue the firft chaires in the Synagogues, and falutations in the market place. ⁴² Woe to you, becaufe you are as monuments that appeare not, and men walking ouer, are not ware.

⁴³ And one of the Lawyers anfwering faith to him: Maifter, in faying thefe things, thou fpeakeft to our reproch also. ⁴⁴ But he faid: ⁴⁴ Woe to you Lawyers also: becaufe you load men with burdens which they can not beare, and your felues touch not the packes with one of your fingers. ⁴⁵ Woe to you that ^abuild the monuments of the Prophets: and your fathers did kil them. ⁴⁶ Surely you doe teftifie that you cōfent to the workes of your fathers: becaufe they indeed did kil them, and you build their fepulchres. ⁴⁷ For this caufe the wifedom also of God faid, I wil fend to them Prophets and Apoftles, and of them they wil kil and perfecute. ⁴⁸ That the bloud of al the Prophets that was fhed from the making of the world, may be required of this Generation, ⁴⁹ from the bloud of Abel vnto the bloud of Zacharie that was flaine between the Altar and the Temple. Yea I fay to you, it fhall be required of this Generation. ⁵⁰ Woe to you Lawyers, becaufe you haue taken away the key of knowledge: your felues haue not entred, & thofe that did enter you haue prohibited. ⁵¹ And whē he faid thefe things to them, the Pharifees & the Lawyers began vehemently to vrge him, & to ftop his mouth about many things, ⁵² lying in waite for him, and feeking to catch fomething of his mouth, that they might accufe him.

*Gen. 4, 8.
2. Par. 24, 22.*

^a Not the building of the Prophets monumēts is condemned, but their imitation of their fathers that flew the Prophets. *Ambrof.*

ANNOTATIONS

25 Bleffed is the wombe) Let vs alfo (faith Venerable Bede) lift vp our voice with the Catholike Church, of which this woman was a figure; let vs lift vp our hartes among the People, and fay to our Sauour: Bleffed be the wombe that bare thee, and the paps which thou didft fucke. For Bleffed indeed is the mother which bare the King that ruleth Heauen & earth for euer.

Our B. Lady.

27 The figne of Ionas) Of al miracles, his Refurrection, after he had been according to his body, in the graue, according to his foule, in Hel three daies, was the greateft, and moft conuinceth the incredulous Iewes: and therfore a greater or more eident then that, he faith he wil not giue them.

The figne of Ionas.

Eccl. 3, 33.
Dan. 4, 24.
Tob. 4, 12.
Mat. 25, 35.

39 Giue almes) The great force of almes is here and in diuers places of holy writ fignified. In one place, they extinguiſh finne: in another, they redeeme finnes: in another, they deliuer from death: in another, to thē giuen or omitted, our iudgement to Heauen or Hel is attributed: & here they make cleane and fatisfie for the Iewes former offenfes. For (as S. Auguſtine faith *c. 70. Enchiridij*) almes-deedes profit not a man that hath a wil to cōtinue in his finnes, but they are to be done for a propitiation to God of former offenfes. Now how wel the Proteftants like this doctrine fo eidently fet forth in Scripture, let the indifferent iudge, and how wel it agreeth with their only faith.

The force of the almes.

44 Woe to you Lawyers) Theſe were Doctours of Moyſes Law, otherwiſe called Scribes. Shal we therfore crie out againſt al Lawyers now, or ought the name of Lawyer be odious with vs, becauſe of theſe naughty Lawyers among the Iewes? much leſſe ought the name of Priefts to be odious (as Heretikes would haue it) becauſe of the Iewes Priefts that were fo bufy againſt our Sauour.

The Lawyers and Priefts of the old Teftament.