

Chapter 17

So damnable it is to be authour of a Schifme, 3. that we muft rather forgiue be it neuer fo often. 5. We muft be feruant in faith, and humble withal, knowing that we are bound to God, and not he to vs. 11. The nine Iewes are vngrateful after that he hath cured their leprofie: but the one Samaritane (the one Catholike Church of the Gentils) far otherwife. 20. The Pharifees asking, when commeth this Kingdom of God (of whose approaching they had now heard fo much) he teacheth that God muft reigne within vs: 22. and warneth vs after his Pafsion neuer to goe out of his Catholike Church for any new feeret comming of Chrift that Heretikes shal pretend, but only to expect his fecond comming in glorie, 26. preparing our felues vnto it, becaufe it shal come vpon many vnprouided, 31. fpecially through the perfecution of Antichrift a litle before it.

*Mt. 18, 7.
Mar. 9, 42.*

And he faid to his Difciples: It is ^a)impoffible that fcandal fhould not come: but woe to him by whom they come. ² It is more profitable for him, if a mil-ftone be put about his necke, and he be caft into the fea, then that he fcandalize one of thefe litle ones. ³ Looke wel to your felues. If thy brother finne againft thee, rebuke him: and if he doe pennance, forgiue him. ⁴ And if he finne againft thee feuen times in a day, and feuen times in a day be conuerted vnto thee, faying, It repenteth me, forgiue him.

Mt. 18, 21.

⁵ And the Apoftles faid to our Lord: Increafe faith in vs. ⁶ And our Lord faid: If you had faith like to a muftard-feed, you might fay to this mulberie tree, be thou rooted vp, and be tranfplanted into the fea: and it would obey you. ⁷ And which of you hauing a feruant plowing or keeping cattle, that wil fay to him returning

Mt. 18, 21.

^a Not of mere necefsitie, for then it were no fault: but prefupposing the great wickednes of men, it is impoffible but there fhall be fcandals, and therefore it followeth, *woe to him by whom they come.*

out of the field: Paffe quickly, fit downe: ⁸ and faith not to him: Make ready fupper, and gird thy felf, and ferue me whiles I eate and drinke, and afterward thou fhalt eate and drinke? ⁹ Doth he giue that feruant thanks, for doing the things which he commanded him? ¹⁰ I trow not: So you alfo, when you shal haue done al things that are commanded you, fay: We are ^{vn}profitable feruants; we haue done that which we ought to doe.

Leu. 14, 2. ¹¹ And it came to paffe, as he went vnto Hierufalem, he paffed through the middes of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And when he entred into a certaine towne, there met him ten men that were lepers, who ftood a farre off; ¹³ and they lifted vp their voice, faying: IESVS Maifter, haue mercie on vs. ¹⁴ Whom as he faw, he faid: Goe, shew your felues ^{to} the Priests. And it came to paffe, ^{as} they went, they were made cleane. ¹⁵ And one of them as he faw that he was made cleane, went backe with a loud voice magnifying God, ¹⁶ and he fel on his face before his feet, giuing thanks: and this was a Samaritane. ¹⁷ And IESVS anfwering faid: Were not ten made cleane? and where are the nine? ¹⁸ There was not found that returned, and gaue glorie to God, but this ftranger. ¹⁹ And he faid to him: Arife, goe thy waies; becaufe ^athy faith hath made thee fafe.

²⁰ And being asked of the Pharifees: when commeth the Kingdom of God? he answered them and faid: The Kingdom of God commeth not with obferuation: ²¹ neither fhall they fay: Loe here, or loe there. For loe ^bthe Kingdom of God is within you.

Mt. 24, 23. ²² And he faid to his Difciples: The daies wil come when you fhall defire to fee one day of the Sonne of man; *Mr. 13, 21.* and you fhall not fee. ²³ And they wil fay to you: Loe

The fourth part of this Ghospel. The comming of Chrift into Iewrie, towardes his Pafsiō.

^a And yet we fee here it was not only faith, but alfo his thankfulnes & returning to giue glorie to God.

^b Whiles they afke and looke for a temporal Kingdom in pompe & glorie, loe their Kig & Mefsias was now amōg thē: whose fpiritual Kingdō is within al the faithful that haue dominiō ouer finne.

here and loe there. ^{a)}Goe not, neither doe ye follow after. ²⁴ For euen as the lightning that lightneth from vnder Heauen, vnto those partes that are vnder Heauen, fhineth: so shal the Sonne of man be in his day. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be reiected of this Generation. ²⁶ And as it came to passe in the daies of Noe, so shal it be also in the dayes of the Sonne of man. ²⁷ They did eate and drinke, they did marie wiues and were giuen to mariage euen vntil the day that Noe entred into the arke: and the floud came, and deftroyed them al. ²⁸ Likewife as it came to passe in the daies of Lot: They did eate and drinke, bought and fould, planted, and builded: ²⁹ and in the day that Lot went out frō Sodome, it rained fire & brimstone frō Heauen, & deftroyed them al: ³⁰ according to these things it shal be in the day that the Sōne of man shal be reuealed. ³¹ In that houre he that shal be in the house-top, and his veffel in the house, let him not goe downe to take them vp: & he that is in the field, in like manner let him not returne backe. ³² Be mindful of Lots wife. ³³ Whofoeuer seeketh to faue his life, shal lose it: and whofoeuer doth lose the same, shal quicken it. ³⁴ I say to you, in that night there shal be two in one bed: the one shal be taken, and the other shal be left: ³⁵ two women shal be grinding together: the one shal be taken, and the other shal be left: two in the field: the one shal be taken, and the other shal be left. ³⁶ They answering say to him: Where Lord? ³⁷ Who said to them: Wherefoeuer the body shal be, thither wil the eagles also be gathered together.

Gen. 7, 5.

Gen. 19, 24.

Gen. 19, 26.

ANNOTATIONS

10 Vnprofitable seruants) If our Sauour had said that the keeping of Gods commandements had bene vnprofitable & not

How we are vnprofitable & profitable seruants.

^a No man must rüne out of the Church after Schifmatikes to heare them preach Chrif in corners, Chrifts doctrine being open in al the world. See *annot. Mt. 24, 23.*

available to our felues, then might the Proteftant haue truly argued therby that our workes deferne not Heauen or any reward at Gods hand: but fo he faid not, but that our feruice is to God vnprofitable, who calleth for it as duty, and not as a thing needful or profitable to himfelf. And though here our Maifter teach vs fo humbly to conceiue of our owne doings toward him, yet himfelf elfewhere calleth not his feruants vnprofitable when they haue done their labour, but fpeaketh thus: *Good & faithful feruants, becaufe thou waft faithful in a litle, I wil place thee ouer much: enter into the ioy of thy Lord.* Yea of fuch as ferue him in the grace of the new Teftament, he affirmeth that he wil not now *name them feruants but freinds*, yea & take them for his owne children, & as his freinds and fonnes he counteth of vs and our workes towards Heauen, though we in humilitie and truth muft confeffe alwaies that we be to him vnprofitable feruants. Yea and S. Paul faith plainly, that by cleanfing our felues from finful workes we fhall be profitable veffels to our Lord. *2. Tim. 2, 21.*

Mt. 25, 21.

Io. 15, 15.

14 To the Priests) This leprofie fignifieth finne, which though God may & can heale without any mans meanes, yet he doth it not ordinarily but by the Priests minifterie: therefore let no man defpife Gods ordinance, nor fay that it is enough to confeffe to God though he neuer come at the Priest. *Li. de vifit. infirm. apud Auguft.*

Confeffion to the Priest.

14 As they went) A man may fometimes be fo contrite and penitent, that his finne is forgiuen before he come to the Priest, but then alfo he muft notwithstanding goe to the Priest, as thefe lepers did: fpecially whereas we are neuer fure how contrite we are, and becaufe there is no true contrition, but with defire alfo of the Sacrament in time and place.