

## Chapter 18

*The Church is taught to commit the reuenge of her perfecutions to God, and to pray inceffantly, for he no doubt (though in the perfecution of Antichrift few wil so thinke) wil at length come. 9. We muft alfo pray with humility, becaufe we know not with the Phariffee if we be iuft, but we know with the Publican that we be finners. 15. He wil haue children to be brought to him, and al to be as children. 18. What is to be done to get life euerafting. 22. What alfo, to get perfection; 28. and what reward they shal haue that leaue al, yea or any part, for his fake. 31. He foretelleth of his Pafsion moft particularly, 33. and entring into Iericho, cureth one blind man.*

**A**nd he fpake alfo a parable to them that it behoueth <sup>a</sup>alwaies to pray, & not to be weary, <sup>2</sup> faying: There was a certaine iudge in a certaine citie, which feared not God, and of man made no account. <sup>3</sup> And there was a certaine widow in that citie, and fhe came to him, faying: Reuenge me of mine aduerfarie. <sup>4</sup> And he would not of a long time. But afterward he faid within himfelf: Although I feare not God, nor make account of man, <sup>5</sup> yet becaufe this widow is importune vpon me, I wil reuenge her, left at the laft she come and defame me. <sup>6</sup> And our Lord faid: Heare what the iudge of iniquitie fayeth. <sup>7</sup> And wil not God reuenge his elect that crie to him day and night: and wil he haue patiēce in them? <sup>8</sup> I fay to you that he wil quickly reuenge them. But yet the Sonne of man comming, <sup>9</sup>shal he find trow you, faith in the earth?

<sup>9</sup> And he faid alfo to certaine that trusted in them felues as iuft, and defpifed others, this parable: <sup>10</sup> Two men went vp into the Temple to pray: the one a Phariffee, and the other a Publican. <sup>11</sup> The Phariffee ftanding,

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<sup>a</sup> We fhould pray alwaies by faith, hope & charitie and by working the things that be acceptable to God: though fpecial times of vocal praiers in the Canonical houres be afigned for the fturring of vs vp to God through external fignes of deuotion.

praied thus with him self: God, I giue thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extorcioners, vniuft, aduouterers, as also this Publican. <sup>12 a)</sup>I fast twife in a weeke: I giue tithes of al that I poffeffe. <sup>13</sup> And the Publican fstanding a farre off would not fo much as lift vp his eyes toward Heauen; but he <sup>b)</sup>knocked his breaft, faying: God be merciful to me a finner. <sup>14</sup> I fay to you, this man went downe into his houfe iuftified more then he: becaufe euerie one that exalteth himself, shal be humbled; and he that humbleth himself, shal be exalted.

*Mt. 19, 13.* <sup>15</sup> And they brought vnto him infants also, that he might touch them. Which thing when the Disciples saw, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But IESVS calling them together, said: Suffer children to come vnto me, and forbid them not, for the Kingdom of Heauen is for such. <sup>17</sup> Amen I fay to you: Whosoever receiueth not the Kingdom of God <sup>c)</sup>as a child, shal not enter into it.

*Mt. 19, 16.* <sup>18</sup> And a certaine Prince asked him, faying: Good Maister, by doing what, shal I poffeffe euerlasting life? *Mr. 10, 17.* <sup>19</sup> And IESVS said to him: Why doest thou cal me good? None is good but only God. <sup>20</sup> Thou knowest <sup>d)</sup>the

*Exo. 20, 13.* commandements: *Thou shalt not kil, Thou shalt not commit aduoutrie, Thou shalt not steale, Thou shalt not beare false witnes, Honour thy father & mother.* <sup>21</sup> Who said: Al these things haue I kept from my youth. <sup>22</sup> Which IESVS hearing, said to him: Yet one thing thou lackest. <sup>e)</sup>Sel al that euer thou hast, & giue to the poore,

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<sup>a</sup> To take pride of fasting, tithing, or any good worke, is naught, though the workes thē selues be very good.

<sup>b</sup> So doe the Priests & people at the holy Altar knocke their breasts, & fay with the hūble Publican, *Deus propitius. Aug. Pf. 31. conc. 3.*

<sup>c</sup> In matters of faith & religiō we must be as humble & obedient to the Catholike Church as yōg children to their parents.

<sup>d</sup> Not faith only but also keeping the cōmandements purchase life euerlasting. See *annot. Mat. 19, 36.*

<sup>e</sup> This is not a cōmandement or precept, but counfel: which the religious doe follow. See *Annot. Mat. 19.*

and thou shalt haue treafure in Heauen: and come, follow me. <sup>23</sup> He hearing these things, was ftroken fad: becaufe he was very rich. <sup>24</sup> And IESVS feeing him ftroken fad, faid: How hardly shal they that haue money enter into the Kingdom of God? <sup>25</sup> For it is eafier for a camel to paffe through the eye of a nedle, then for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God. <sup>26</sup> And they that heard, faid: And who can be faued? <sup>27</sup> He faid to them: The things that are impoffible with men, are poffible with God. <sup>28</sup> And Peter faid: Loe, we haue left al things, and haue followed thee. <sup>29</sup> Who faid to them: Amen I fay to you, there is no man that hath left houfe, or parents, or brethren, or <sup>a</sup>)wife, or children for the Kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup> and shal not receiue much more in this time, and in the world to come <sup>b</sup>)life euerlafting.

*Mt. 20, 17.*  
*Mr. 10, 32.*

<sup>31</sup> And IESVS tooke the Twelue, and faid to them: Behold we goe vp to Hierufalem, and al things shal be confummate which were written by the Prophets of the Sonne of man. <sup>32</sup> For he shal be deliuered to the Gentils, and shal be mocked, and fcourged, and fpit vpon: <sup>33</sup> and after they haue fcourged him, they wil kil him, and the third day he shal rife againe. <sup>34</sup> And they vnderftood none of these things, and this word was hid from them, and they vnferftood not the things that were faid.

<sup>35</sup> And it came to paffe, when he drew nigh to Iericho, a certaine blind man fate by the way, begging. <sup>36</sup> And when he heard the multitude paffing by, he asked what this should be. <sup>37</sup> And they told him that IESVS of Nazareth paffed by. <sup>38</sup> And he cried faying: IESVS fonne of Daud, haue mercie vpon me. <sup>39</sup> And they that went before, rebuked him, that he should hold his peace. But he cried much more, Sonne of Daud haue mercie vpon me. <sup>40</sup> And IESVS fstanding commanded him to be brought vnto him. And when he was come neere, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> faying: What wilt thou that I doe to thee?

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<sup>a</sup> The Apoftles among other things left their wiues alfo, as S. Hierō noteth out of this place. *Li. 1. adu. Iouin.*

<sup>b</sup> Life euerlafting the reward for leauing or lofing willingly our goods for Chrifts fake.

but he said: Lord, that I may see. <sup>42</sup> And IESVS said to him: Doe thou see; thy faith hath made thee whole. <sup>43</sup> And forthwith he saw, and followed him, magnifying God. And all the people as they saw it, gave praise to God.

## ANNOTATIONS

8 Shal he find faith) The Luciferians and Donatists used this place to excuse their fall from the Church, as our Adversaries now doe, saying that it was decayed in faith, when they forsooke it. To whom we answer as S. Hierom and S. Augustin answered them, that Christ faith not that there should be no faith left in earth: but by this manner of speech insinuateth, that at the later day in the great persecution of Antichrist faith should be more rare, and the faithful among so many wicked not so notorious: specially that perfect faith containing deuotion, trust, and affection toward God, which our Maister so praised in certaine vpon whom he wrought miracles, and by force whereof mountaines might be moued, which is rare euen when the Church flourisheth most.

The Church erreth  
not in faith.

*Hier. cont.*  
*Lucif. c. 6.*  
*Aug. de vnit.*  
*Ec. c. 15. & de*  
*verb. Do. Ser. 36.*