

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 fo 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.

And he fpake alfo a parable to them that it behoueth ^{a)}alwaies to pray, & not to be weary, ² faying: There was a certaine iudge in a certaine citie, which feared not God, and of man made no account. ³ And there was a certaine widow in that citie, and fhe came to him, faying: Reuenge me of mine aduerfarie. ⁴ And he would not of a long time. But afterward he faid within himfelf: Although I feare not God, nor make account of man, ⁵ yet becaufe this widow is importune vpon me, I wil reuenge her, left at the laft she come and defame me. ⁶ And our Lord faid: Heare what the iudge of iniquitie fayeth. ⁷ And wil not God reuenge his elect that crie to him day and night: and wil he haue patiẽce in them? ⁸ I fay to you that he wil quickly reuenge them. But yet the Sonne of man coming, ¹shal he find trow you, faith in the earth?

⁹ And he faid alfo to certaine that trusted in them felues as iuft, and defpifed others, this parable: ¹⁰ Two men went vp into the Temple to pray: the one a Phariffee,

^a 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.

and the other a Publican. ¹¹ The Pharisee standing, 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. ¹² ^{a)}I fast twife in a weeke: I giue tithes of al that I possesse. ¹³ And the Publican standing a farre off would not so much as lift vp his eyes toward Heauen; but he ^{b)}knocked his breaft, saying: God be merciful to me a sinner. ¹⁴ I say to you, this man went downe into his house iustified more then he: because euery one that exalteth himself, shal be humbled; and he that humbleth himself, shal be exalted.

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

Mt. 19, 16. ¹⁸ And a certaine Prince asked him, saying: Good Maister, by doing what, shal I possesse euerlasting life? *Mr. 10, 17.* ¹⁹ And IESVS said to him: Why doest thou cal me good? None is good but only God. ²⁰ Thou knowest ^{d)}the commandements: *Thou shalt not kil, Thou shalt not commit aduoutrie, Thou shalt not fteale, Thou shalt not beare false witness, Honour thy father & mother.* ²¹ Who said: Al these things haue I kept from my youth. ²² Which IESVS hearing, said to him: Yet one thing thou lackest. ^{e)}Sel al that euer thou hast, & giue to the poore, and thou shalt haue treasure in Heauen: and come, follow

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

^b So doe the Priests & people at the holy Altar knocke their breafts, & say with the humble Publican, *Deus propitius. Aug. Pf. 31. conc. 3.*

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

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

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

me. ²³ He hearing theſe things, was ſtroken ſad: becauſe he was very rich. ²⁴ And IESVS ſeeing him ſtroken ſad, ſaid: How hardly ſhal they that haue money enter into the Kingdom of God? ²⁵ For it is eaſier for a camel to paſſe through the eye of a nedle, then for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God. ²⁶ And they that heard, ſaid: And who can be ſaued? ²⁷ He ſaid to them: The things that are impoſſible with men, are poſſible with God. ²⁸ And Peter ſaid: Loe, we haue left al things, and haue followed thee. ²⁹ Who ſaid to them: Amen I ſay to you, there is no man that hath left houſe, or parents, or brethren, or ^a)wife, or children for the Kingdom of God, ³⁰ and ſhal not receiue much more in this time, and in the world to come ^b)life euerlaſting.

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

³¹ And IESVS tooke the Twelue, and ſaid to them: Behold we goe vp to Hieruſalem, and al things ſhal be confummate which were written by the Prophets of the Sonne of man. ³² For he ſhal be deliuered to the Gentils, and ſhal be mocked, and ſcourged, and ſpit vpon: ³³ and after they haue ſcourged him, they wil kil him, and the third day he ſhal riſe againe. ³⁴ And they vnderſtood none of theſe things, and this word was hid from them, and they vnderſtood not the things that were ſaid.

³⁵ And it came to paſſe, when he drew nigh to Iericho, a certaine blind man fate by the way, begging. ³⁶ And when he heard the multitude paſſing by, he asked what this ſhould be. ³⁷ And they told him that IESVS of Nazareth paſſed by. ³⁸ And he cried ſaying: IESVS ſonne of Daud, haue mercie vpon me. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ And IESVS ſtanding commanded him to be brought vnto him. And when he was come neere, he asked him, ⁴¹ ſaying: What wilt thou that I doe to thee? but he ſaid: Lord, that I may ſee. ⁴² And IESVS ſaid

^a The Apoftles among other things left their wiues alſo, as S. Hierō noteth out of this place. *Li. 1. adu. Iouin.*

^b Life euerlaſting the reward for leauing or loſing willingly our goods for Chriſts ſake.

to him: Doe thou see; thy faith hath made thee whole.
43 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 devotion, trust, and affection toward God,
which our Master so praised in certaine vpon whom he wrought
miracles, and by force whereof mountaines might be moved, 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.