Chapter 20

To the Iewes he auoucheth his power by the witnes of Iohn who was a man fent of God. 9. & foretelleth in a parable their reprobation moft worthy (with the vocation of the Gentils in their place) 17. and confequently their irreparable damnation that shal enfue thereof. 20. He defeateth their fnare about paying tribute to Cæfar: 27. he answereth also the invention of the Sadducees against the Refurrection. 40. And so having put them al to filence, 41. he turneth and poseth them, because they imagined that Christ should be no more but a man: 45. bidding al to beware of the Scribes (authours of the Iewes schisme from him) being ambitious & hypocrites.

Mt. 21, 23. Mr. 11, 27. nd it came to paffe in one of the daies, when he was teaching the people in the Temple & euangelizing, the cheefe Priefts & the Scribes with the Ancients affembled, ² and fpake faying to him, ^{a)}Tel vs, in what power doeft thou thefe things? or who is he that hath giuen thee this power? ³ And IESVS anfwering, faid to them: I wil also aske you one word: Anfwer me. ⁴ The Baptisme of Iohn was it from Heauen, or of men? ⁵ But they thought within themselues, saying: That if we say, From Heauen, he wil say: Why then did you not beleeue him? ⁶ But if we say, of men, the whole people wil stone vs: for they are certaine that Iohn is a Prophet. ⁷ And they answered that they knew not whence it was. ⁸ And IESVS said to them: Neither doe I tel you in what power I doe these things.

Efa. 5, 1. Mt. 21, 33. Mr. 12, 1. ⁹ And he began to fay to the people this parable: A certaine ^{b)}man planted a vineyard, & let it out to husbandmen: and he was from home a long time. ¹⁰ And in time he fent to the husbandmen a feruant, that they fhould giue him of the fruit of the vinyard. Who beating him fent him away emptie. ¹¹ And againe he fent another feruant. But they beating him also and reprochfully

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^a See Annot. Mat. c. 21, 23.

^b See the marginal annotations Marc. 12.

abufing him, fent him away enptie. 12 And againe he fent the third: who wounding him also, cast him out. 13 And the Lord of the vineyard faid: What fhal I doe? I wil fend my beloued fonne: perhaps when they fhal fee him, they wil reuerence him. 14 Whom when the husbandmen faw, they thought within themselues, faying: This is the heire, let vs kil him, that the heritage may be ours. ¹⁵ And cafting him forth out of the vineyard. they killed him. What therfore wil the Lord of the vineyard doe to them? ¹⁶ He wil come, and wil deftroy thefe husbandmen, and wil give the vinyard to others. Which they hearing, faid to him: God forbid. ¹⁷ But he beholding them faid: What is this then that is written, The ftone which the builders rejected, the fame is become into the head of the corner? 18 Euery one that falleth vpon this ftone, fhal be quafhed: and vpon whom it fhal fal, it fhal breake him to pouder. ¹⁹ And the cheefe Priefts and Scribes fought to lay hands vpon him that houre: and they feared the people, for they knew that he fpake this fimilitude to them.

Ps. 117, 22.

Mt. 22, 15. Mr. 12, 13.

²⁰ And watching, they fent fpies which fhould feine themselues iust: that they might take him in his talke, and deliuer him to the principaltie and power of the Prefident. 21 And they asked him, faying: Maifter, we know that thou fpeakeft and teacheft rightly; and thou doest not accept person, but teacheth the way of God in truth. 22 Is it lawful for vs to give tribute to Cæfar, or no? 23 But confidering their guile, he faid to them: Why tempt you me? ²⁴ Shew me a penie. Whofe image hath it and infcription? They answering faid: Cæfars. ²⁵ And he faid to them: Render therfore the things that are Cæfars, a) to Cæfar: and the things that are Gods, to God. ²⁶ And they could not reprehend his word before the people: and marueling at his answer, they held their peace. 27 And there came certaine of the Sadducees, which denie that there is a refurrection, and they asked him, ²⁸ faying: Maifter, Moyfes gaue vs in writing: If a

Mt. 22, 23. Mr. 12, 18.

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^a So duties must be done to Princes, that our dutie to God be not neglected: See *Annot. Mat. c. 22, 21.*

mans brother die hauing a wife, and he haue no children, that his brother take her to wife, and raife vp feed to his brother. ²⁹ There were therfore feuen brethren: and the first tooke a wife, and died without children. ³⁰ And the next tooke her, & he died without child. 31 And the third tooke her. In like manner also all the feuen, and they left no feed, and died. 32 Laft of all the woman died also. 33 In the refurrection therfore, whose wife shall she be of them? fithens the feuen had her to wife. 34 And IESVS faid to them: The children of this world marrie, and are given in marriage: 35 But they that I fhal be a)counted worthie of that world and the refurrection from the dead, neither marrie, nor take wiues; ³⁶ neither can they die any more, for they are *equal to Angels: and they are the fonnes of God, feeing they are the fonnes of the refurrection. ³⁷ But that the dead rife againe, Moyfes also shewed, befide the bufh, as he calleth the Lord: Abraham, and the God of Ifaac, and the God of Iacob. ³⁸ For God is not of the dead, but of the liuing: for al liue to him. ³⁹ And certaine of the Scribes answering, faid to him: Maifter, thou haft faid wel. 40 And further

Exo. 3, 6.

Mt. 22, 44. Mr. 12, 36.

Pf. 109, 1.

⁴¹ But he faid to them: How fay they that Chrift is the fonne of Dauid, ⁴² and Dauid himfelf faith in the booke of Pfalmes: The Lord faid to my Lord, fit on my right hand, ⁴³ til I put thine enemies, the footftoole of thy feet? ⁴³ Dauid then calleth him Lord: and how is he his fonne?

they durft not aske him any thing.

Mt. 23, 6. Mr. 12, 38. ⁴⁴ And al the people hearing him, he faid to his Difciples: ⁴⁵ Beware of the Scribes, that wil walke in robes, and loue falutations in the market-place, and the first chaires in the fynagogues, and the cheefe roomes in feastes. ⁴⁶ Which deuoure widowes houses: feining long praier. These shall receive greater damnation.

a The greeke οἱ καταξιωθέντες importeth alfo this much They that are made worthie, to wit, by the grace of God; and fo they are indeed worthie: as alfo in the next chapter verfe 36. & 2. Thefs. 1, 5.

Annotations

35 Shal be counted worthie) This truth and fpeach that good men be worthy of Heauen, is according to the Scriptures, and fignifieth that mans workes done by Chrifts grace doe condignely or worthily deferue eternal ioy: As Sap. 3. God proued them, and found them worthy of himfelf: and Mat. 10. He that loueth his father more then me, is not worthy of me: and Colof. 1. That you may walke worthy of God: and most plainly Apoc. 3. They shal walke with me in white, because they are worthy: as of Christ (c. 3) Thou art worthie, O Lord, to receive glorie &c. And that, to be counted worthie, & to be worthie, is here alone, it is plaine, by the Greeke word, which S. Paul vfeth fo, as the aduerfaries owne English Testament doe testifie, reading thus *Hebre*. 10. how much forer punishment shal he be worthie, which &c. And it must needes fignifie, because men for finnes are not only counted, but are indeed worthie of punishment, as themselues doe grant. They doe greatly therfore forget themselues, and are ignorant in the Scriptures, and know not the force nor the valure of the grace of God, which doth not only make our labours grateful to God, but worthie of the reward which he hath prouided for fuch as loue him. See the Annot. 2. Theff. 1, 5.

To be worthie of Heauen or to deferue & merite it.

The new Teftament. an. 1580. καταξιωθέντες. ὰξιωθήσεται. The new Testament. an. 1580.

The dignitie of Saints.

36 Equal to Angels) Saints of our kind, now in their foules, and after their refurrection in body and foule together, shal be in al things equal to Angels: and for degree of bliffe, many Saints of greater merit shal be aboue divers Angels: as S. Iohn Baptift, the Apoftles, and others, and our B. Lady aboue al the orders of holy Spirits in dignitie and bliffe: & no maruel, our nature by Chrift being fo highly exalted aboue al Angels.