

Chapter 8

Of compaffion he feedeth the People, 4000. with feauen loaves. 10. After al which miracles as though they were yet vnufficient to proue him to be Chrif, the obftinate Pharifees doe require fome miracle from Heauen. 13. Wherevpon forfaking them, he warneth his Difciples to beware of the leauen of their doctrine, neither to feare want of neceffaries. 22. He healeth a blind man by degrees and with ceremonies. 27. Peter confeffeth him (though men al this while had not learned fo farre) to be Chrif. 31. And by and by he reuealeth to them his Paffion, 32. rebuking alfo Peter for diffuading it, 34. and shewing that it is a thing wherein al that wil be faued (namely in time of perfecution) muft folow him.

Mt. 15, 32.

In thofe daies againe when there was a great multitude, and had not what to eate: calling his Difciples together, he faith to them: ² I haue compaffion vpon the multitude, becaufe loe ^athree daies they now endure with me, neither haue what to eate. ³ And if I dimiffe them fafting into their home, they wil faint in the way; for fome of them came farre off. ⁴ And his Difciples answered him: Whence may a man fil them here with bread in the wildernes? ⁵ And he asked them: How many loaves haue ye? Who faid: Seauen. ⁶ And he commanded the multitude to fit downe vpon the ground. And taking the feauen loaves, giuing thanks he brake, and gaue to his Difciples for to fet before them, and they did fet them before the multitude. ⁷ And they had a few litle fifhes; and he bleffed them, and commanded them to be fet before them. ⁸ And they did eate and were filled, and they tooke vp that which was left of the fragments, feauen maundes. ⁹ And they that had eaten were about four thoufand: and he dimiffed them.

^a Great feruour and deuotion in the good People, & exceeding force in our Maifters preaching, that made them abide fafting fo long to heare his diuine fermons.

Mt. 15, 39. ¹⁰ And immediatly going vp into the boat with
16. 1. his Difciples, he came into the quarters of Dalmanutha.
¹¹ And the Pharifees went forth, and began to queftion
with him, asking of him a figne from Heauen, tempting
him. ¹² And groning in Spirit, he faith: Why doth this
Generation aske a figne? ¹³ Amen I fay to you, If a figne
fhall be giuen to this Generation. ¹⁴ And leauing them,
he went vp againe into the boat, and paffed beyond the
ftrait.

¹⁵ And they forgot to take bread: and they had but
one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁶ And he commanded
them, faying: Looke wel and beware of the leauen of the
Pharifees, and the leauen of Herod. ¹⁷ And they reafoned
among them felues faying: Becaufe we haue not bread.
¹⁸ Which IESVS knowing, faith to them: Why doe you
reafon, becaufe you haue not bread? doe you not yet
know nor vnderftand? yet haue ye your hart blinded?
¹⁹ hauing eyes fee you not? and hauing eares heare you
Mr. 6, 38. not? Neither doe you remember? ²⁰ When I brake fise
loaues among fise thoufand; and how many baskets ful
of fragments tooke you vp? They fay to him, Twelue.
Mr. 8, 5. ²¹ When alfo feauen loaues among four thoufand, how
many maundes of fragments tooke you vp? And they
fay to him Seauen. ²² And he faid to them: How doe
you not yet vnderftand?

²³ And they come to Bethfaida; and they bring to
him one blind, and defired him that he would ^a)touch
him. ²⁴ And taking the hand of the blind, he led him
forth out of the towne; and fpitting into his eyes, impofing
his hands, he asked him if he faw anything. ²⁵ And
looking vp, he faid: I fee men as it were trees, walking.
²⁶ After that againe he impofed his hands vpon his eyes,
and he began to fee, and was reftored, fo that he faw al
things clerely. ²⁷ And he fent him into his houfe, faying:

^a Our Sauour vfed to worke much by touching, & by impofition of
his hands: that we may learne not to cōtemne the corporal and
external application of holy things, nor to chalēge by the fpirit &
faith only, as Heretikes doe.

Goe into thy houfe; and if thou enter into the towne, tel no body.

Mt. 16, 13.

Lu. 9, 18.

²⁸ And IESVS went forth and his Difciples into the townes of Cæfarea-Philippi; and in the way he asked his Difciples, faying to them: Whom doe men fay that I am? ²⁹ Who answered him, faying: Iohn the Baptift, fome Elias, & other fome as it were one of the Prophets. ³⁰ Then he faith to them: But whom doe you fay that I am? Peter answering faid to him: Thou art Chrif. ³¹ And he threatned them that they fhould not tel any man of him.

³² And he began to teach them, that the Sonne of man muft fuffer many things, and be reiected of the Ancients and of the high Priefts & the Scribes, and be killed: and after three daies rife againe. ³³ And he fpake the Word openly. And Peter taking him, began to rebuke him. ³⁴ Who turning, and feeing his Difciples, threatned Peter, faying: Goe behind me Satan, becaufe thou fauourest not the things that are of God, but that are of mē. ³⁵ And calling the multitude together with his Difciples, he faid to them: If any man wil folow me, let him deny himfelf, and take vp his croffe, and folow me. ³⁶ For he that wil faue his life, fhall lofe it; and he that fhall lofe his life for me and the Ghospel, fhall faue it. ³⁷ For what fhall it profit a man, if he gaine the whole world, & fuffer damage of his foule? ³⁸ For he that fhall be afhamed of me, and of my wordes in this aduouterous and finful Generation, the Sonne of man alfo wil be afhamed of him, when he fhall come in the glorie of his Father with the holy Angels.

ANNOTATIONS

6 Gaue to his Difciples) He ferueth the People not immediatly him felf, but by the Apoftles minifterie to teach vs that we muft receiue Chriftes Sacraments and doctrine, not at our owne hand, but of his Priefts and our Paftours.

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Luc. 9, 16.

7 Bleffed them) So is it in fome ancient Greek copies, agreeable to our Latin, and in S. Luke exprefly in the common Greek text, that he bleffed the fiue loaves and the two fishes: which muft be alwayes marked againft the Heretikes, which denie this

Bleffing of creatures worketh an effect in them.

Gen. 1, 22, 28.

blesing to pertaine to the creatures, but feine it alwayes to be referred to God for thanks giuing. For if it were fo, he would haue faid grace but once for that whole refection: but he did feuerally bleffe both the bread firft, & afterward the fishes alfo, multiplying them by his faid blesing (as he did mankind and other creatures in the beginning by blesing them) and fo working effectually fome change or alteration in the very creatures them felues.

Luc. 9.

36 For me and the Ghofpel) By the Ghofpel is fignified, not only the foure Euangelifts, but al Scriptures, and whatfoeuer Chrift faid that is not in Scriptures; for he faith in this very place: *He that shal be ashamed of my wordes, the Sonne of man wil be ashamed of him, &c.* Neither his owne wordes only, but whatfoeuer the Apoftles taught in word or writing; for our Sauour faith: *He that despifeth you, despifeth me.* For defenfe of any of al thefe, and of euery Article of the Catholike faith, we ought to die, and this is to lofe our life for Chrift and his Ghofpel.

What is to suffer for the Ghofpel.

37 Gaine the whole world) Let fuch note this, that for feare or flattery of the world condescend to obey the vniust lawes of men touching religion, againft their owne confciences, and be content for the rest of a few daies of this life, and for fauing their temporal goods, to lofe their foule and the ioyes of heauen.

Doing againft our owne confcience.