

Chapter 8

Immediatly after his Sermon (to confirme his doctrine with a miracle) he cureth a Leper. 5. But aboute him and al other Iewes, he comendeth the faith of the Centurion, who was a Gentil, and foretelleth by that occasion, the vocation of the Gentiles, and reprobation of the Iewes. 14. In Peters houfe he sheweth great grace. 18. In the way to the fea he fpeaketh with two, of folowing him: 23. and vpon the fea commandeth the tempeft: 28. and beyond the fea he manifeteth the Deuils malice againft man, in an heard of fwine.

Mr. 1, 40.
Lu. 5, 12.

And when he was come downe from the mountaine, great multitudes folowed him: ² And behold a Leper came and adored him faying: Lord, if thou wilt, thou canft make me cleane. ³ And IESVS ftretching forth his hand, touched him faying: I wil. Be thou made cleane. And forthwith, his leprofie was made cleane. ⁴ And IESVS faith to him: See thou tel no body: but go, fhew thyfelf to the [♠]Priefft, and offer the [♠]guift which Moyfes commanded for a teftimonie to them.

Leu. 14, 2.

Lu. 7, 11.

⁵ And when he was entred into Capharnaum, there came to him a Centurion, befeeching him, ⁶ and faying: Lord my boy lieth at home fick of the palfey, and is fore tormented. ⁷ And IESVS faith to him: I wil come, and cure him. ⁸ And the Centurion making anfwer, faid: Lord, [♠]I am not worthie that thou fhouldeft enter vnder my rooffe: but only fay the word, & my boy fhall be healed. ⁹ For I alfo am a man fubieft to authoritie, hauing vnder me fouldiars; and I fay to this, goe, and he goeth, and to an other, come, and he cometh; and to my feruant, doe this, and he doth it. ¹⁰ And IESVS hearing this, marueled: and faid to them that folowed him: Amen I fay to you, I haue not found fo great faith in Ifrael. ¹¹ And I fay to you that manie fhall come from the Eaft and Weft, and fhall fit downe with Abraham, and Ifaac, & Iacob in the Kingdom of Heauen: ¹² but the children of the Kingdom fhall be caft out into the

exteriour darkeneffe: there shal be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ¹³ And IESVS faid to the Centurion: Goe, and as thou haft beleued, be it done to thee. And the boy was healed in the fame houre.

Mr. 1, 19.

Lu. 4, 38.

¹⁴ And when IESVS was come into Peters houfe, he saw [•]his wiues mother layd, and in a fit of feuer: ¹⁵ and he touched her hand, and the feuer left her, and she arose, and miniftred to him. ¹⁶ And when euening was come, they brought to him manie that had Diuels: and he caft out the Spirits with a word: and al that were il at ease he cured: ¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken, by Eſay the Prophet, ſaying: *He tooke our infirmities, and bare our difeafes.*

Eſa. 53, 4.

1. Pet. 2, 24.

Lu. 9, 57.

¹⁸ And IESVS feeing great multitudes about him, commanded to goe beyond the water. ¹⁹ And a certaine Scribe came, and faid to him: Maſter, I wil folow thee whitherſoeuer thou ſhalt goe. ²⁰ And IESVS ſaith to him: The foxes haue holes, and the foules of the ayre neſtes: but the Sonne of man hath not where to lay his head.

Luc. 9, 59.

²¹ And another of his Diſciples faid to him: Lord, permit me firſt to goe and burie my Father. ²² But IESVS faid to him: Folow me, and [•]let the dead burie the dead.

Mar. 4, 36.

Lu. 8, 22.

²³ And when he entered into the boat, his Diſciples folowed him: ²⁴ and loe a great tempeſt aroſe in the ſea, ſo that the boat was couered with waues, but he flept. ²⁵ And they came to him, and raiſed him, ſaying: Lord, ſaue vs, we periſh. ²⁶ And he ſaith to them: Why are you fearful, O ye of litle faith? Then riſing vp [•]he commanded the windes, and the ſea, and there enſued a great calme. ²⁷ Moreouer the men marueled, ſaying: What an one is this, for the windes and the ſea obey him.

Mr. 5, 1.

Luc. 8, 26.

²⁸ And when he was come beyond the water, into the countrey of the Gerafens, there met him two that had Diuels, coming forth out of the ſepulcres, exceeding fierce, ſo that none could paſſe by that way. ²⁹ And behold they cried ſaying: What is betweene vs & thee IESVS the Sonne of God? art thou come hither to torment vs before the time. ³⁰ And there was not farre from them an heard of many ſwine feeding. ³¹ And the Diuels

befought him faying: If thou caft vs out, fend vs into the heard of fwine. ³² And he faid to them: Goe. But they going forth went into the fwine, and behold the whole heard went with a violence, headlong into the fea: and they dyed in the waters. ³³ And the fwine-heardes fled: and comming into the citie, told al, and of them that had been poffeffed of Diuels. ³⁴ And behold the whole citie went out to meete IESVS, and when they faw him, they befought him that he would paffe from their quarters.

ANNOTATIONS

4 Prieft) The Priefts of the old law (faith S. Chryfoftom) had authoritie and priuilege only to difcerne who were healed of leprofie, and to denounce the fame to the people: but the Priefts of the new law, haue power to purge in very deed, the filth of the foule. Therefore whofoeuer depifeth them, is more worthie to be punifhed, then the rebel Dathan, and his complices. *S. Chryfo. li. 3. de Sacerd.*

4 Guift) Our Sauour willeth him to goe, and offer his guift or facrifice, according as Moyfes prefcribed in that cafe, becaufe the other facrifice, being the holieft of al holies, which is his bodie, was not yet begune. So faith *S. Aug. li. 2. q. Euang. q. 3. & Con. Aduer. leg. Proph. li. 1. c. 19 20.*

DOMINE nō
fum dignus.

*Liturg. Græc. fub
finē.*

8 Not worthie) *Orig. ho. 5. in diuerf.* When thou eateft (faith he) and drinkeft the bodie & blood of our Lord, he entreth vnder thy roofe. Thou alfo therefore humbling thyfelf, fay: Lord I am not worthie, &c. So faid S. Chryfoftom in his Maffe, and fo doth the Cath. Church vfe at this day in euery Maffe. See *S. Auguftine ep. 118. ad Ianu.*

14 His wiues mother) Of Peter fpecially among the reft, it is euident, that he had a wife, but (as S. Hierom faith) after they were called to be Apoftles, they had no more carnal companie with their wiues, as he proueth there by the very words of our Sauour:

*Lib. 1. adu. Iou.
c. 14. Mt. 19, 29.
Epiph. ho. 59.*

He that hath left wife, &c. And fo in the Latin Church hath been alwayes vfed, that married men may be, and are daily made Priefts, either after the death of the wife, or with her confent, to liue in perpetual continencie. And if the Greeks haue Priefts that doe otherwife, S. Epiphanius a Greek Doctour telleth them, that they doe it againft the ancient Canons; and Paphnutius plainly fignifieth the fame in the firft Councel of Nice. But this is moft plaine, that there was neuer either in the Greek Church or the Latin, authentical example of any that married after holy Orders.

Priefts mariage.

*Sozom. l. 1. c. 22.
Socrat. li. 2. c. 8.*

22 Let the dead) By this we see that not only no worldly or carnal respect, but no other laudable dutie toward our parents, ought to stay vs from following Christ, and choosing a life of greater perfection.

26 He commanded) The Church (here signified by the boate or ship) and Catholikes, are often tossed with stormes of persecution, but Christ who seemed to flee in the meane time, by the Churches prayers awaketh, and maketh a calme.