

Chapter 03

In ^{a)}my litle bed in the nightes I haue fought him, whom my foule loueth, I haue fought him; and haue not found. ²I wil rife, and wil goe about the citie: by the ftreates and high waies, I wil feeke him whom my foule loueth: I haue fought him, and haue not found. ³The watchmen which kepe the citie found me: Haue you feene him, whom my foule loueth. ⁴When I had a litle paffed by them, I found him whom my foule loueth: I held him: neither wil I let him goe, til I bring him into ^{b)}my mothers houfe, and into the chamber of her that bare me. ⁵^{c)}I adiure you ô daughters of Ierufalem by the roes, and the hartes of the fildes, that you rayfe not vp, nor make the beloued to awake, til herfelfe wil. ⁶^{d)}What is she, that afcendeth by the defert, as a litle rod of fmoke of ^{e)}the aromatical fpices of myrrhe, and frankincenfe, & of al powder of the apothecarie? ⁷^{f)}Behold threecore valiants of the moft valiant of Ifrael, compaffe the litle bed of Salomon: ⁸al holding fwordes, and moft cunning to battels: euerie mans fword vpon his thigh for feares by night. ⁹King Salomon hath made him a portable throne of the wood of Libanus: ¹⁰the pillers therof he hath made of filuer, the feate of gold, the going vp ^{g)}of purple: the middes he hath paued with ^{h)}charitie for the daughters of

^a The Church finding Chrift not in darke ignorance, nor in philofophie but by his reueiling him felfe to her, holdeth him for euer:

^b euen til the Iewes fhall at laft alfo find him.

^c Chrift fpeaketh as before *ch. 2. v. 7.*

^d The Church of Chrift admireth her owne conuerfion from Gentilitie,

^e now ful of good workes.

^f She alfo profeffeth that the afcending to eternal reft, is by fighting manfully, in obseruing the ten commandments, in the fix dayes of this life:

^g euen to bloud, if nede be,

^h which is the higheft degree of charitie.

Ierufalem. ¹¹ ^{a)}Goe forth ye daughters of Sion, and see
king Salomon in ^{b)}the diademe, wherewith his mother
hath crowned him in the day of his despoufing, and in
the day of the ioy of his heart.

^a And inuiteth al others to come vnto Chrifit,

^b who in the flefh which he tooke of his mother, was crowned in
heauen after his Paffion.