

Chapter 6

God is diligently to be ferued, and loued with thy whole hart, thy whole foule, and whole ftrength. Al his precepts, ceremonies and iudgements muft be carefully kept, and commended to pofteritie.

Thefe are the preceptes, and ceremonies, and iudgementes, which the Lord your God commanded that I should teach you, and you should doe them in the Land, whereunto you paffe ouer to poffeffe it: ² that thou mayeft feare the Lord thy God, and keepe his commandementes and preceptes, which I command thee, and thy fonnes, and nephewes, al the dayes of thy life, that thy dayes may be prolonged. ³ Heare Ifrael, and obferue that thou doe the thinges which our Lord hath commanded thee, and it may be wel with thee, and thou mayeft be greatly multiplied, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promifed thee a land flowing with milke and honie. ⁴ Heare Ifrael, The Lord our God, is one Lord. ⁵ Thou shalt loue the Lord thy God with thy whole hart, and with thy whole foule, and with thy whole ftrength. ⁶ And thefe wordes, which I command thee this day, shal be in thy hart: ⁷ and thou shalt tel them to thy children, and thou shalt meditate fitting in thy houfe, and walking on thy iourney, fleeping, and ryfing. ⁸ And thou shalt bind them as a figne on thy hand, and they shal be & shal moue between thine eies, ⁹ and thou shalt write them in the entrie, and on the doores of thy houfe. ¹⁰ And when the Lord thy God shal haue brought thee into the Land, for the which he fware to thy fathers Abraham, Ifaac, and Iacob: and shal haue geuen thee great and goodlie cities, which thou didft not build, ¹¹ houfes ful of al riches, which thou didft not erect, cefternes which thou didft not digge, vineyardes and oliueyardes, which thou didft not plant, ¹² and thou shalt haue eaten and be ful: ¹³ take heede diligently left thou forget our Lord, that brought thee out of the Land of Ægypt, out of the houfe of feruitude.

Thou shalt feare the Lord thy God, and ^{a)}him onlie shalt thou ferue, and by his name shalt thou fweare. ¹⁴ You shal not goe after the ftrange goddes of al Nations, that are round about you: ¹⁵ because the Lord thy God is a Iealoufe God in the middes of thee: lest fometime the furie of the Lord thy God be wrath againft thee, and take thee away from the face of the earth. ¹⁶ Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God, as thou didft tempt him in the place of tentation. ¹⁷ Keepe the preceptes of the Lord thy God, and the teftimonies and ceremonies, which he hath commanded thee: ¹⁸ And doe that which is pleafant and good in the fight of our Lord, that it may be wel with thee: and entring in thou mayeft poffeffe the goodlie Land, wherof our Lord fware to thy fathers, ¹⁹ that he would deftroy al thy enemies before thee, as he hath fpoken. ²⁰ And when thy fonne shal aske thee to morrow, faying: What meane thefe teftimonies, and ceremonies, and iudgementes, which the Lord our God hath commanded vs? ²¹ thou shalt fay to him: We were the bondmen of Pharao in Ægypt, and our Lord brought vs out of Ægypt in a ftrong hand: ²² and he did fignes & wonders great and verie fore in Ægypt againft Pharao, and al his houfe, in our fight, ²³ and he brought vs out from thence, that being brought in he might geue vs the Land, wherupon he fware to our fathers. ²⁴ And our Lord commanded that we should doe al thefe ordinances, and should feare the Lord our God, that it might be wel with vs al the daies of our life, as it is at this day. ²⁵ And he wil be merciful to vs, if we keepe and doe al his preceptes before the Lord our God, as he commanded vs.

^a Some adoration agreeth to creatures, but feruice of Latria to God onlie. *S. Aug. q. 61. in Gen.*