

Chapter 8

The people is put in mind of afflictions which happened in the deferte, and of benefites as wel past, as promifed, 11. to the end they loue and ferue God more effectually.

Everie commandement, that I command thee this day, take diligent heede that thou doe it: that you may liue, and be multiplied, and entering in may poffeffe the Land, for the which our Lord fware to your fathers. ² And thou shalt remember al the iourney, through the which the Lord thy God hath brought thee fourtie yeares by the defert, that he might afflict and proue thee, and that the thinges that were in thy hart might be made knowen, whether thou wouldest keepe his commandentes or not. ³ He afflicted thee with penurie, and gue thee for meate Manna, which thou knewest not nor thy fathers: for to shew vnto thee that ^anot in bread onlie a man liue, but in euerie word that procedeth from the mouth of God. ⁴ Thy rayment, wherwith thou waft couered, hath not decayed for age, and thy foote is not worne, lie this is the fourtith yeare. ⁵ That thou mayest recount in thy hart, that as a man disciplineth his fonne, fo the Lord thy God hath disciplined thee, ⁶ that thou shouldest keepe the cōmandementes of the Lord thy God, & walke in his wayes, and feare him. ⁷ For the Lord thy God wil bring thee in vnto a good land, a land of riuers & waters and of fountaynes: in the plains wherof and mountaynes deepe floudes gush out: ⁸ a land of wheate, of barley & vineyardes, wherein figge trees and pomegranates, and oliueyardes doe grow: a land of oyle and honie. ⁹ Where without any penurie thou shalt eate thy bread, and enioy abundance of al thinges: whose ftones are yron, and out of the mountaynes therof are digged metalles of brasse: ¹⁰ that when thou haft eaten, and art ful, thou mayest bleffe the Lord thy God for the excellent land, which

^a God is able to make foode of what he please, or to sustaine men without meate.

he hath geuen thee. ¹¹ Obferue, and beware left at any time thou forget the Lord thy God, and neglect his commandementes and iudgementes and ceremonies, which I command thee this day: ¹² left after thou haft eaten and art filled, haft built goodlie houfes, and dwelled in them, ¹³ and fhalt haue heardes of oxen and flockes of sheepe, of gold and filuer, and of al thinges plentie, ¹⁴ thy hart be lifted vp, and thou remember not the Lord thy God, that brought thee out of the Land of Ægypt, out of the houfe of feruitude: ¹⁵ and was thy conductor in the huge and terrible wilderneffe, wherein was the ferpent burning with his breath, and the fcorpion and ^a)the dipfas, and no waters at al: who brought forth riuers out of the hardeft rocke, ¹⁶ and fed thee with Manna in the wilderneffe, which thy fathers knew not. And after he had afflicted and proued thee, at the laft he had mercie vpon thee, ¹⁷ left thou fhouldeft fay in thy hart: Myne owne force, and the ftrength of myne owne hand, haue atchieued al thefe thinges for me. ¹⁸ But remember the Lord thy God, that he hath geuen thee ftrength, that he might fulfil his couenant, concerning which he fware to thy fathers, as this prefent day fheweth. ¹⁹ But if forgetting the Lord thy God, thou fhalt folow ftrange goddes, and fhalt ferue and adore them: behold now I foretel thee that thou fhalt perifh vtterly. ²⁰ As the Nations, which our Lord deftroyed at thyne entrie, fo fhall you alfo perifh, if you be difobedient to the voice of the Lord your God.

^a A ferpent leffe then a fcorpion, making thofe whom he byteth to die of thirft. *Solinus in polyhif. cap. de Africa.*