

Chapter 11

For the benefites of God (wherof some are repeted, and others promifed) the Ifraelites are bound to loue him. 16. But if they forfake him he threatneth punishmentes, 26. propofing benediction and malediction as they fhall deferue.

Loue therefore the Lord thy God, and obferue his preceptes and ceremonies, his iudgementes and commandmentes at al time. ² Know this day the thinges that your children know not, who faw not the difcipline of the Lord your God, his great doinges and ftrong hand, and ftretched out arme, ³ the fignes and workes which he did in the middes of Ægypt to Pharao the king, and to al his land, ⁴ and to al the hoſte of the Ægyptians, and to their horfes and charriottes: how the waters of the red ſea couered them, when they purſewed you, and how our Lord deſtroyed them vntil this preſent day: ⁵ and to you what thinges he hath done in the wildernes, til you came to this place: ⁶ and to Dathan and Abiron the fonnes of Eliab, which was the fonne of Ruben: whom the earth opening her mouth ſwalowed vp with their houſes and tabernacles, and al their ſubſtance, which they had in the middes of Ifrael. ⁷ Your eies haue ſeene al the great workes of our Lord, that he hath done, ⁸ that you may keepe al his commandementes, which I command you this day, and may enter in, and poſſeſſe the Land, to the which you enter, ⁹ and may liue in it a great time: which our Lord by oath promifed to your fathers, and to their feede, flowing with milke and honie. ¹⁰ For the Land, which thou goeſt to poſſeſſe, is not as the Land of Ægypt, which thou cameſt out of, where when the feede is fowen, waters are brought in to water it after the maner of gardens: ¹¹ but it is hilly and champion, expecting raine from heauen, ¹² which the Lord thy God doth alwaies viſite, and his eies are on it from the beginning of the yeare vnto the end therof. ¹³ If then you obey my commandementes, which I command you this day, that you loue the Lord your God, and ſerue

him with al your hart, and with al your foule: ¹⁴ he wil geue rayne to your Land ^a)the timely and the lateward, that you may gather your corne, and wine, and oile, ¹⁵ and haye out of the fieldes to feede your cattel, and that your felues may eate and be filled. ¹⁶ Beware left perhaps your hart be deceiued, and you depart from our Lord, and ferue ftrange goddes, and adore them: ¹⁷ and our Lord being wrath shutte vp heauen, and the raine come not downe, nor the earth geue her fpring, and you perish quickly from the excellent Land, which our Lord wil geue you. ¹⁸ Put thefe my wordes in your hartes and mindes, and hang them for a figne on your handes, and place them betwen your eies. ¹⁹ Teach your children that they meditate them, when thou fitteft in thy houle, & walkeft on the way, and lieft downe and ryleft vp. ²⁰ Thou shalt write them vpon the poftes and gates of thy houle: ²¹ that thy daies may be multiplied, and the dayes of thy children in the Land, which our Lord fware to thy fathers, that he would geue it them as long as the heauen hangeth ouer the earth. ²² For if you keepe the commandementes which I command you, and doe them, that you loue the Lord your God, and walke in al his wayes, cleauing to him, ²³ Our Lord wil deftroy al thefe nations before your face, and you fhall poffeffe them, which are greater and ftronger then you. ²⁴ Euerie place, that your foote fhall treade, fhall be yours. From the defert, and from Libanus, from the great riuer Euphrates vnto the weft fea fhall be your borders. ²⁵ None fhall ftand againft you: your terrour and feare fhall the Lord your God geue vpon al the land that you fhall treade, as he hath fpoken to you. ²⁶ Behold I fette forth in your fight this day ^b)benediction and malediction: ²⁷ benediction, if you obey the commandementes of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: ²⁸ malediction, if you obey not the commandementes of

^a Raine after feeding and before harueft fignifieth Gods grace firft ftirring vp the foule, and affifting the fame to the end.

^b God worketh, and we cooperate, for he taketh not away, but helpeth freewil. *S. Aug. q. 15. in Deut.*

the Lord your God, but reuolt from the way, which now I doe shew you, and walke after ftrange goddes, which you know not. ²⁹ And when the Lord thy God shal haue brought thee into the Land, to the which thou goest to inhabite, thou shalt put the benediction vpon mounte Garizim, the malediction vpon mounte Hebal: ³⁰ which are beyond Iordan behinde the way that bendeth to the going downe of the funne in the Land of the Chananeite, which dwelleth in the champion countrie againft Galgala, which is beside the valle that reacheth and entreth farre. ³¹ For you shal passe ouer Iordan, to possesse the Land, which the Lord your God wil geue you, that you may haue and possesse it. ³² See therefore that you fulfil the ceremonies and iudgements, which I shal sette this day in your fight.