

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 fea couered them, when they purfewed you, and how our Lord deftroyed them vntil this prefent 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 fwallowed vp with their houfes and tabernacles, and al their fubſtance, which they had in the middes of Ifrael. ⁷ Your eies haue feene 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 goeft 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 ferue

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 lest perhaps your hart be deceiued, and you depart from our Lord, and serue fstrange 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 these my wordes in your hartes and mindes, and hang them for a signe on your handes, and place them betwen your eies. ¹⁹ Teach your children that they meditate them, when thou fitteft in thy houfe, & walkest on the way, and liest downe and ryfest vp. ²⁰ Thou shalt write them vpon the postes and gates of thy houfe: ²¹ that thy daies may be multiplied, and the dayes of thy children in the Land, which our Lord fwore 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 these nations before your face, and you shal possesse them, which are greater and fstronger then you. ²⁴ Euerie place, that your foote shal treade, shal be yours. From the desert, and from Libanus, from the great riuer Euphrates vnto the west sea shal be your borders. ²⁵ None shal stand againft you: your terrour and feare shal the Lord your God geue vpon al the land that you shal treade, as he hath fpoken to you. ²⁶ Behold I sette forth in your sight 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 the Lord your God,

^a Raine after feeding and before haruest signifieth Gods grace first stirring vp the foule, and affixing the same to the end.

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

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 goeft 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 befide the valle that reacheth and entreth farre. ³¹ For you shal paffe ouer Iordan, to poffeffe the Land, which the Lord your God wil geue you, that you may haue and poffeffe it. ³² See therefore that you fulfil the ceremonies and iudgementes, which I shal fette this day in your fight.