

Chapter 14

Gentiles maner of mourning for the dead is prohibited. 3. Likewife to eate things vncleane, with mention of certaine cleane and vncleane beaftes, 9. fishes, 11. and birdes. 21. Also preceptes of pietie, clemencie, paying tithes, first frutes, 27. nourishing of Leuites, strangers, orphanes, and widowes.

Be ye the children of the Lord your God: you shal not cutte your felues, nor make bauldnes for the dead, ² because thou art a holie people to the Lord thy God: and he chofe thee to be his peculiar people of al nations, that are vpon the earth. ³ Eate not the thinges that are vncleane. ⁴ This is the beaft, that you ought to eate: The ox, and the sheepe, and the goate, ⁵ the hart and the doe, the buffle, the chamois, the pygargue, the wilde beefe, the camelopard. ⁶ Euerie beaft, that diuideth the hoofe in two partes, and cheweth the cudde, shal you eate. ⁷ But of them, that chew the cudde, and diuide not the hoofe, these you shal not eate, as the camel, the hare, the cherogril: because they chew the cudde, and diuide not the hoofe, they shal be vncleane to you. ⁸ The fwine also because it diuideth the hoof, and cheweth not the cudde, shal be vncleane. Their flesh you shal not eate, and their carcasses you shal not touche. ⁹ These shal you eate of al that abide in the waters: Such as haue finnes and scales, eate: ¹⁰ them that are without finnes and scales, eate not, because they are vncleane. ¹¹ Al birdes that are cleane eate. ¹² The vncleane eate not: to witte, the eagle, and the grype, and the ofprey, ¹³ the ringtaile, and the vulture and kite according to their kinde: ¹⁴ and al of the rauens kinde, ¹⁵ and the oftriche, and the owle, and the fterne, and the hawke according to his kinde: ¹⁶ the herodian and the swanne, and the ftorke, ¹⁷ and the diuer, the porphyryon, and the nightcrow, ¹⁸ the onocratal, and the charadryon, euerie one in their kinde: the lapwing also and the batte. ¹⁹ And al that creepeth and hath litle winges, shal be vn-cleane, and shal not be eaten. ²⁰ Al that is cleane, eate.

²¹ But whatfoeuer is dead of it felfe, eate not therof. ^{a)}To the ftranger, that is within thy gates, geue it to eate, or fel it to him: becaufe thou art the holie people of our Lord thy God. Thou shalt ^{b)}not boyle a kidde in the milke of his damme. ²² The tenth part thou shalt feperate of al thy fruites that fpring in the earth euerie yeare, ²³ and thou shalt eate in the fight of our Lord thy God in the place, which he shal choofe, that his name may be inuocated therin, the tithe of thy corne, and wine, and oile, and the firft borne of thy heardes and sheepe: that thou mayeft lerne to feare our Lord thy God at al time. ²⁴ But when the way, and the place which our Lord thy God shal choofe, are farre, and he hath bleffed thee, and thou canft not carie al thefe thinges thither, ²⁵ thou shalt fel, and bring al into a price, and shalt carie it in thy hand, and shalt goe to the place, which our Lord thy God shal choofe: ²⁶ and thou shalt buy with the fame money whatfoeuer pleafeth thee, either of heardes, or of sheepe, wine alfo and ficere, and al that thy foule defireth: and thou shalt eate before our Lord thy God, and shalt feaft, thou and thy houfe: ²⁷ and the Leuite that is within thy gates, beware thou forfake him not, becaufe he hath no other part in thy poffeffion. ²⁸ The third yeare thou shalt feperate an other tenth of al thinges, that growe to thee at that time: and shalt lay it vp within thy gates. ²⁹ And the Leuite shal come that hath no other part nor poffeffion with thee, and the ftranger and pupil and widow, that are within thy gates, and shal eate and be filled: that our Lord thy God may bleffe thee in al the workes of thy handes that thou shalt doe.

^a If thefe thiꝑs were vncleane by nature they were not lawful for anie nation to eate, but being only forbid to the Iewes fheweth, that this prohibition was ceremonial, only for that time and people.

^b Al fhew of crueltie to be auoided. Myftically this prefigured, that Chrift (for the fimilitude of finful flefh fignified by a kidde) fhould not be flaine in his infancie. *S. Tho. 1. 2. q. 102. a. 6. ad 4.*