

Chapter 16

Three ^amore folemne feaftes to be kept euerie yeare, Pafch, 9. Pentecoft, 13. and the feaft of tabernacles. 18. Iuft Iudges to be appointed in euerie citie. 21. Al occafions of Idolatrie to be auoyded.

Obferue the moneth of new corne, and the firft of the fpring time, that thou mayeft make the Phafe to our Lord thy God: becaufe in this moneth our Lord thy God, brought thee out of Ægypt by night. ² And thou shalt immolate the Phafe to our Lord thy God, of sheepe, and of oxen in the place, which our Lord thy God ſhal choofe, that his name may dwel there. ³ Thou shalt not eate in it leuened bread: Seuen daies shalt thou eate without leuen, the bread of affliction, becaufe in feare didft thou come out of Ægypt: that thou mayeft remember the day of thy comming out of Ægypt, al the dayes of thy life. ⁴ Leuened ſhal not appeare in al thy coaftes for feuen daies, and there ſhal not remayne of the flesh of that which was immolated at euen the firft day vntil morning. ⁵ Thou canft not immolate the Phafe in euerie one of thy cities, which our Lord thy God wil geue thee; ⁶ but in the place, which our Lord thy God ſhal choofe, that his name may dwel there: thou shalt immolate the Phafe at euen at the going downe of the funne, when thou cameft out of Ægypt. ⁷ And thou shalt boyle, and eate it in the place, which our Lord thy God ſhal choofe, and in the morning ryfing vp thou shalt goe into thy tentes. ⁸ Six daies shalt thou eate azymes: and in the feuenth day, becaufe it is the collection of our Lord thy God, thou shalt doe no worke. ⁹ Seuen weekes shalt thou number from that day wherein thou didft put the fickle to the corne, ¹⁰ and thou shalt celebrate the feftiual day of weekes to our Lord thy God, a voluntarie oblation of thy hand, which thou shalt offer according to the bleffing of our Lord thy God: ¹¹ and thou shalt

1. Pafch.

2. Pentecoft.

^a The reft of the feaftes are mentioned *Lewit. 23. Num. 28. & 29.* Here only three of the principal.

feaft before our Lord thy God, thou, & thy fonne, and thy daughter, and thy man feruant, and thy woman feruant, and the Leuite that is within thy gates, and the ftranger and pupil and widow, which abide with you: in the place which our Lord thy God shal choofe, that his name may dwel there: ¹² and thou shalt remember that thou waft a feruant in Ægypt: and thou shalt keepe and doe the thinges that are commanded. ¹³ The folemnie alfo of Tabernacles thou fhalt celebrate feuen daies, when thou haft gathered thy fruite of the barne floore and the preffe: ¹⁴ and thou shalt feaft in the feftiuitie, thou, thy fonne, and thy daughter, thy man feruant and woman feruant, the Leuite alfo and ftranger, and pupil and widow that are within thy gates. ¹⁵ Seuen daies shalt thou celebrate the feaftes to our Lord thy God in the place, which our Lord shal choofe: and our Lord thy God wil bleffe thee in al thy fruites, and in euerie worke of thy handes, and thou shalt be in ioye. ¹⁶ Three times in a yeare shal al thy male appeare in the fight of our Lord thy God in the place which he shal choofe: in the folemnie of Azymes, in the folemnie of weekes, and in the folemnie of Tabernacles. There shal not appeare before our Lord any emptie: ¹⁷ but euerie one shal offer according to that he hath, according to the bleffing of our Lord his God, which he shal geue him. ¹⁸ Iudges and maifters shalt thou appoynt in al thy gates, which our Lord thy God shal geue thee, in euerie of thy tribes: that they may iudge the people with iuft iudgement, ¹⁹ and not decline to either part. Thou shalt not accept perfon, nor giftes: becaufe that giftes blinde the eies of the wife, and change the wordes of the iuft. ²⁰ ^aIuftly shalt thou purfew that which is iuft: that thou mayeft liue and poffeffe the Land, which our Lord thy God shal geue thee. ²¹ Thou shalt plante no groue, nor any tree neere the altar of our Lord thy God. ²² Neither fhalt thou make nor fette to thy felf a ftatue: which thing our Lord thy God hateth.

3. Feaft of
 Tabernacles.

^a It is not ynough to doe that is iuft except it be donne iuftly, to a good end for loue of iuftice.