

Chapter 22

Pietie towardes neighboures. 5. Neither fexe may vfe the apparel of the other. 6. Crueltie to be auoided euen towardes birdes. 8. Batlement about the rooffe of a houfe. 9. Things of diuers kindes not to be mixed. 12. Cordes in the hemmes of a cloke. 13. Trail and punishment of adulterie and of deflowring virgines. 30. The fonne may not marie his ftepmother.

Thou fhalt not fee thy brothers oxe, or fheepe ftraying, and paffe by: but fhalt bring it backe to thy brother, ² although thy brother be not nigh, and thou know him not: thou fhalt bring them vnto thy houfe, and they fhall be with thee vntil thy brother feeke them, and receiue them. ³ In like manner fhalt thou doe with his affe, and with his rayment, and with euerie thing of thy brothers, that fhall be loft: if thou finde it, neglect it not as perteyning to an other. ⁴ If thou fee thy brothers affe or oxe to be fallen in the way, thou fhalt not contemne it, but fhalt lift it vp with him. ⁵ A woman fhall not be clothed with mans apparel, neither fhall a man vfe womans apparel: for he is abominable before God that doeth thefe things. ⁶ If walking by the way thou finde a birdes neft in a tree or on the ground, and the damme fitting vpon the young or the egges: thou fhalt not hold her with her young, ⁷ but fhalt let her goe, taking the young and holding them: that it may be wel with thee, and thou mayeft liue a long time. ⁸ When thou buildest a new houfe, thou fhalt make ^aa batlement to the rooffe round about: left bloud be fhed in thy houfe, and thou be guiltie an other flipping, and falling headlong. ⁹ Thou fhalt not fowe thy vineyard with diuerfe feede: left both the feede which thou didft fow, and the thinges that

^a Their houfes had flat roofes as manie of our churches, pallaces, and caftles, where battlements are neceffarie for danger of falling when, anie walke thereon.

grow of the vineyard, ^a)be sanctified together. ¹⁰ Thou shalt not plough with an ox and ass together. ¹¹ Thou shalt not wear a garment that is woven of wool and linen. ¹² Thou shalt make little cords in the hemme at the foure corners of thy cloke, wherwith thou shalt be covered. ¹³ If a man marrie a wife, and afterward hate her, ¹⁴ and seeke occasions to put her away, objecting vnto her a verie ill name, and say: I tooke this wife, and companying with her: I found her not a virgin: ¹⁵ her father and mother shall take her, and shall carie with them the signes of her virginity to the ancients of the citie that are in the gate: ¹⁶ and the father shall say: I gave my daughter vnto this man to wife: whom because he hateth, ¹⁷ he layeth vnto her a verie ill name, so that he sayeth: I found not thy daughter a virgin: and behold these are the signes of my daughters virginity. They shall spread the vesture before the ancients of the citie: ¹⁸ and the ancients of that citie shall take the man, and beat him, ¹⁹ condemning him besides in a hundred fives of silver, which he shall give to the wenchs father, because he hath infamously spread a verie ill name vpon a virgin of Israel: and he shall have her to wife, and can not put her away all the daies of his life. ²⁰ But if it be true which he objected, and virginity be not found in the wench: ²¹ they shall cast her forth without the doores of her fathers house, and the men of her citie shall stone her to death, and she shall die: because she hath done wickednes in Israel, to fornicate in her fathers house: and thou shalt take away the euil out of the middes of thee. ²² If a man lie with an other mans wife, both shall die, that is to say, the adulterer and the adulteresse: and thou shalt take away the euil out of Israel. ²³ If a man have despoused a maide that is a virgine, and some man finde her in the citie, and lie with her, ²⁴ thou shalt bring forth both of them to the gate of that citie, and they shall be stoned: the maide, because she cried not, being in the citie: the man, because he hath humbled

^a For correction of so couetous a mind the whole fruit must be offered to pious uses. *Theodoret. q. 23. in Deut.*

his neighbours wife, and thou shalt take away the euil from the middes of thee. ²⁵ But if the man finde the maide that is despoufed, in the field, and taking her, lie with her, he alone shal die: ²⁶ the maide shal fuffer nothing, neither is she guiltie of death: for as a theefe ryfeth againft his brother, and taketh away his life, fo alfo did the maide fuffer. ²⁷ She was alone in the field: she cried, and there was no man to deliuer her. ²⁸ If a man finde a maide that is a virgin, which hath not a fpoufe, and taking her lie with her, and the matter come into iudgement: ²⁹ he that lay with her, shal geue to the father of the maide fiftie ficles of filuer, and shal haue her to wife, becaufe he hath humbled her: he can not put her away al the daies of his life. ³⁰ No man shal take his fathers wife, nor reuele his couering.