

Chapter 28

Diuers bleffings are promifed to the obferuers of Gods commandmentes, 15. and curfes threatned to tranfgreffors.

But if thou wilt heare the voice of our Lord thy God, that thou doe and keepe al his commandementes, which I command thee this day, our Lord thy God wil make thee higher then al nations, that be on the earth. ² And ^aal thefe bleffinges shal come vpon thee, and ouertake thee: yet fo if thou heare his preceptes. ³ Bleffed shalt thou be in the citie, and bleffed in the field. ⁴ Bleffed shal be the fruite of thy wombe, and the fruite of thy ground, and the fruite of thy cattel, the troupes of thy herdes, & the foldes of thy sheepe. ⁵ Bleffed shal thy barnes be, and bleffed ^bthy remaines. ⁶ Bleffed shalt thou be comming in and going out. ⁷ Our Lord wil geue thyne enemies, that rife vp againft thee, to fal downe in thy fight: one way they shal comme againft thee, and feuen wayes they shal flee from thy face. ⁸ Our Lord wil fend forth bleffing vpon thy celars, and vpon al the workes of thy handes: and wil bleffe thee in the land, that thou shalt receiue. ⁹ Our Lord wil rayfe thee vp vnto him felf to be a holie people, as he fware to thee: If thou keepe the commandmentes of our Lord thy God, and walke in his waies. ¹⁰ And al the people of the earth shal fee that the name of our Lord is inuocated vpon thee, and they shal feare thee. ¹¹ Our Lord wil make thee abound with al goodes, with the fruite of thy wombe, and the fruite of thy cattel, with the fruite of thy land, which our Lord fware to thy fathers that he would geue thee. ¹² Our Lord wil open his moft excellent treafure, the heauen, that it may geue rayne to thy land in due feafon: and wil bleffe al the workes of thy handes. And thou shalt lend to many nations, and thy felf shalt

^a Temporal bleffings belonged to fenfual people of the old teftament: now the poore in fpirite are bleffed, that mourne, and fuffer perfecution for truth and iuftice.

^b The poore beig releued of thy fuperfluitie shal bleffe thee.

take lone of no man. ¹³ And our Lord fhall make thee ^athe heade, and not the taile: and thou shalt be alwaies aboue, and not vnder: ^byet fo, if thou wilt heare the commandmentes of our Lord thy God which I command thee this day, and keepe and doe them, ¹⁴ and decline not from them neither to the right hand, nor to the left, nor folow ftrange goddes, nor ferue them. ¹⁵ But if thou wilt not heare the voice of our Lord thy God, to keepe, and doe al his commandmentes and ceremonies, which I command thee this day, ^cal thefe curfes shal come vpon thee, and ouertake thee. ¹⁶ Curfed shalt thou be in the citie, curfed in the field. ¹⁷ Curfed shal thy barne be, and curfed thy remaines. ¹⁸ Curfed shal be the fruite of thy wombe, and the fruite of thy ground, the hearde of thy oxen, and the flockes of thy sheepe. ¹⁹ Curfed shalt thou be comming in, and curfed going out. ²⁰ Our Lord shal fend vpon thee famine & hunger, and rebuke vpon al the workes, which thou shalt doe: vntil he confume, and deftroy thee quickly, for thy moft wicked inuentions, wherein thou haft forfaken me. ²¹ Our Lord fette the pestilence vpon thee, vntil he confume thee out of the land, which thou shalt enter in to poffeffe. ²² Our Lord ftrike thee with pouertie, with the feuer and cold, with burning and heate, and with corrupt ayre and blafting, and purfew thee til thou perish. ²³ Be the heauen, that is ouer thee, of braffe: and the ground, that thou treadeft, of yron. ²⁴ Our Lord geue duft for rayne vpon thy land, and ashes defcend from heauen vpon thee, til thou be confumed. ²⁵ Our Lord deliuer thee to fal downe before thyne enemies. One way goe thou forth againft them, and flee feuen, and be thou difperfed through out al the kingdomes of the earth. ²⁶ And be thy carcaffie meate to al the fowles of the ayre, and beaftes of the earth, and be there none to driue them away. ²⁷ Our Lord

^a Thou fhalt rule ouer others & none ouer thee.

^b Yet alwaies with this condition: if thou ferue God.

^c Thus moft cōmonly finners were curfed in the old Teftament, but fuch as now ferue not God rightly, and yet prosper in this world, shal in a moment defcend into hel. *Iob. 21.*

fstrike thee with the boile of Ægypt, and the part of thy
 bodie, by the which dung is caft out, with fcabbe alfo
 and itche: fo that thou canft not be cured. ²⁸ Our Lord
 fstrike thee with madnes & blindnes and furie of minde,
²⁹ and grope thou at midday as the blinded is wont to
 grope in the darke, and direct not thy wayes. And at al
 times fufteyne thou wrong, and be thou oppreffed with
 violence, neither haue thou any to deliuer thee. ³⁰ Take
 thou a wife, and an other fleepe with her. Build thou
 a houle, and dwel not therein. Plant thou a vineyard,
 and take not the vintage there of. ³¹ Be thy oxe im-
 molated before thee, and thou not eate therof. Be thy
 affe taken away in thy fight, and not reftored to thee. Be
 thy sheepe geuen to thyne enemies, and be there none to
 helpe thee. ³² Be thy fonnes and thy daughters deliuered
 to an other people, thyne eies feing, and dafeling at the
 fight of them al the day, and be there no ftrengh in thy
 hand. ³³ The fruites of thy land, and al thy laboures let
 a people eate, which thou knoweft not: and be thou al-
 waies fufteynning calumnie, and oppreffed al dayes, ³⁴ and
 aftonished at the terrour of thofe thinges, which thyne
 eies shal fee. ³⁵ Our Lord fstrike thee with a verie fore
 botche in the knees and shankes, and be thou vncurable
 from the fole of the foote vnto the toppe of thy head.
³⁶ Our Lord shal bring thee, and thy King, whom thou
 shalt appoint ouer thee, vnto a nation, which thou and
 thy fathers know not: and there thou shalt ferue ftrange
 goddes, wood and ftone. ³⁷ And thou shalt be deftroyed
 for a prouerbe and fable to al peoples, vnto whom our
 Lord shal bring thee in. ³⁸ Thou shalt caft much feede
 into the ground, and gather litle: becaufe the locuftes
 shal deuoure al thinges. ³⁹ Thou shalt plant a vineyard,
 and digge, and the wine thou shalt not drinke, nor gather
 any thing therof: becaufe it shal be wafted with wormes.
⁴⁰ Thou shalt haue oliues in al thy borders, and shalt
 not be anointed with the oyle: becaufe they shal droppe
 away & perish. ⁴¹ Thou shalt begette fonnes and daugh-
 ters, and shalt not enioy them: becaufe they shal be
 ledde into captiuitie. ⁴² Al thy trees and the fruites of

thy ground the blasting shal confume. ^{43 a)}The ftranger that liueth with thee in the Land, shal ascend ouer thee, and shal be higher: and thou shalt descend downeward, and be inferior. ⁴⁴ He shal lend thee, and thou shalt not lend him. He shal be as the head, and thou shalt be the tayle. ⁴⁵ And al these curfes shal come vpon thee, and purfewing shal ouertake thee, til thou perish: becaufe thou heard not the voice of our Lord thy God, nor kept his commandmentes and ceremonies which he commanded thee. ⁴⁶ And they shal be in thee as signes and wonders, and in thy feede for euer: ⁴⁷ becaufe thou didst not ferue our Lord thy God in ioy, and gladnes of hart, for the abundance of al thinges. ⁴⁸ Thou shalt ferue thine enemye, whom our Lord wil fend vpon thee, in hunger, and thirst, and nakednes, and al penurie: and he shal put an yron yoke vpon thy necke, til he confume thee. ⁴⁹ Our Lord wil bring vpon thee a Nation from a farre, and from the vttermoſt endes of the earth, in likenes of an eagle that flieth with vehemencie: whose tongue thou canst not vnderstand: ⁵⁰ a verie malapert Nation, that wil attribute nothing to the ancient, nor haue pitie on the litle one, ⁵¹ and wil deuoure the fruite of thy cattel, and the frutes of thy Land: vntil thou perish, and wil not leaue thee wheate, wine, and oile, heardes of oxen, and flockes of sheepe vntil it deftroy thee, ⁵² and confume thee in al thy cities, and thy strong and highe walles be deftroyed, wherein that hadst confidence in al thy Land. Thou shalt be besieged within thy gates in al thy Land, which our Lord thy God wil geue thee: ⁵³ and thou shalt eate the fruite of thy wombe, and the flesh of thy sonnes and of thy daughters, which our Lord thy God shal geue thee, in the distresse and vastation wherewith thine enemye shal oppresse thee. ⁵⁴ The man that is delicate in thee, and very riotious, shal much enuie his owne brother, and his wife, that lieth in his bosome, ⁵⁵ fo

^a After manie other plagues and punishments, at laſt the Iewes refusing and persecuting Chriſt, were reiecte, and Gentiles called into the Church, and aduanced aboue them. *Theod. q. 34. in Deut.*

that he shal not geue them of the flesh of his children, which he wil eate: becaufe he hath nothing els in the siege and penurie, wherwith thine enemies shal wafte thee within al thy gates. ⁵⁶ The tender and delicate woman, that could not goe vpon the ground, nor fette downe her foote for ouer much nicenes and tendernes, wil enuie her husband, that lyeth in her bofome, vpon the flesh of her fonne, and daughter, ⁵⁷ and the filthines of the after birthes, that come forth from the middes of her thighes, and vpon the children that are borne of the same howre. For they shal eate them secretly becaufe of the penurie of al thinges, in the siege and vastation, wherwith thine enemies shal oppresse thee within thy gates. ⁵⁸ Vnlesse thou keepe, and doe al the wordes of this law, that be written in this volume, and feare his name glorious and terrible, that is. Our Lord thy God: ⁵⁹ our Lord shal increase thy plagues, and the plagues of thy feede, greates plagues and continuing, fore infirmities and perpetual. ⁶⁰ And he shal turne vpon thee al the afflictions of Ægypt, which thou didst feare, and they shal cleaue to thee. ⁶¹ Moreouer also al the diseases, and plagues, that be not written in the volume of this law, our Lord wil bring vpon thee, til he consume thee: ⁶² and you shal remaine few in number, which before was as the starres of heauen for multitude, becaufe thou heardst not the voice of our Lord thy God. ⁶³ And as before our Lord reioyced vpon you, doing good to you, and multiplying you: so he shal reioyce destroying and subuerting you, so that you may be taken away from the Land, which thou shalt enter to possesse. ⁶⁴ Our Lord shal disperse thee into al peoples, from the farthest partes of the earth to the endes thereof: and there thou shalt serue strange goddesses, which thou art ignorant of and thy fathers, woode and stone. ⁶⁵ In those nations also thou shalt not be quiet, neither shal there be resting for the steppes of thy foote. For our Lord wil geue thee a feareful hart, and dafeling eyes, and a foule consumed with penifenes: ⁶⁶ and thy life shal be as it were hanging before thee. Thou shalt feare night and day, and thou shalt not trust in thy life. ⁶⁷ In the morning thou shalt

fay: Who wil graunt me euening? and at euening: Who wil grant me morning? for the fearefulnes of thy hart, wherwith thou shalt be terrified, and for those thinges, which thou shalt fee with thine eies. ⁶⁸ Our Lord shal bring thee againe with shippes into Ægypt by the way, wherof he faid to thee that thou shouldest fee it no more. There shalt thou be fould to thine enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shal bye you.