

Chapter 17

The people murmuring againe in Raphidim for want of drinck, our Lord giueth them water out of a rock. 8. Amalech fighteth vvith them. And Moyfes lifting vp his hand in prayer, Ifrael ouercometh, otherwife Amalech preuaileth.

Therfore al the multitude of the children of Ifrael fetting forward from the defert Sin, by their manfions, according to the word of our Lord, camped in Raphidim, where there was no water for the people to drinke. ² Who chiding againft Moyfes, faid: Geue vs water, that we may drinke. To whom Moyfes answered: Why chide you againft me? Wherefore doe you tempt our Lord? ³ The people therefore was thirftie there for lacke of water, and murmured againft Moyfes, faying: Why didft thou make vs goe forth out of Ægypt, to kil vs, and our children, and our beaftes with thirft. ⁴ And Moyfes cried to our Lord, faying: What fhall I doe to this people? Yet a litle while, and they wil ftone me. ⁵ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Goe before the people, and take with thee of the ancients of Ifrael: and the rodde wherwith thou didft ftrike the riuer, take in thy hand, and goe. ⁶ Behold I wil ftand there before thee, vpon the rocke Horeb: and thou fhalt ftrike the rocke, and water fhall goe out therof, that the people may drinke. Moyfes did fo before the ancientes of Ifrael: ⁷ and he called the name of that place, Temptation, becaufe of the chiding of the children of Ifrael, and for that they tempted our Lord, faying: Is the Lord amongft vs or not? ⁸ And Amalec came, and fought againft Ifrael in Raphidim. ⁹ And Moyfes fayd to Iofue: Choofe out men: and goe forth and fight againft Amalec: to morow I wil ftand in the toppe of the hil, hauing the rodde of God in my hand. ¹⁰ Iofue did as Moyfes had fpoken, and he fought againft Amalec: but Moyfes and Aaron and Hur went vp vpon the toppe of the hil. ¹¹ And when Moyfes

lifted vp his hands, Ifrael ouercame: but ^a)if he did lette them downe a little, Amalec ouercame. ¹² And the handes of Moyfes were heauie: therefore they tooke a ftone, and putte vnder him, wherupon he fate: and Aaron and Hur ftaied vp his handes on both fides. And it came to paffe that his handes were not wearie vntil funne fette. ¹³ And Iofue put Amalec to flight, & his people by the edge of the fword. ¹⁴ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Write this for a monument in a booke, & deliuer it to the eares of Iofue: for I wil deftroy the memorie of Amalec from vnder heauen. ¹⁵ And Moyfes builded an Altar: and called the name therof, Our Lord my exaltation, fay- ing: ¹⁶ Becaufe the hand of our Lords throne, and the warre of our Lord fhall be againft Amalec, from genera- tion vnto generation.

^a If this ceremonie *of holding vp his handes* was of fuch importance in the law of nature, why do Heretikes deride the fame, and the like in the Catholique Church? VVheras alfo our Sauour *lifting vp his hands* bleffed his difciples. *Luc. 24.* S. Damafcen alfo teacheth (*li. 4. c. 12. Ortho.*) that this extenfion of his handes prefigured the Croffe of Chrif. And now it repretenteth the fame.