

Chapter 19

Nere to mount Sinai, with commemoration of their deliuerie from Ægypt, the people are commanded to be fanctified: 16. and fo our Lord coming in thunders and lightnings fpeaketh with Moyfes.

In the third moneth of the departure of Ifrael out of the Land of Ægypt, ^athis day they came into ^athe wilderneffe of Sinai. ² For departing out of Raphidim, and coming to the defert of Sinai, they camped in the fame place, and there Ifrael pitched their tentes ouer againft the mountaine. ³ And Moyfes went vp to God: and our Lord called him from the mountaine, and faid: ^bThis fhalt thou fay to the houfe of Iacob, and fhalt tel the children of Ifrael: ⁴ Your felues haue fene what I haue done to the Ægyptians, how I haue carried you vpon the winges of eagles, and haue taken you vnto me. ⁵ If therefore you wil heare my voice, and keepe my couenant, you fhall be ^cmy peculiar of al peoples: for al the earth is myne. ⁶ And you fhall be vnto me a prieftlie kingdome, and a holie nation: thefe are the wordes that thou fhalt fpeake to the children of Ifrael. ⁷ Moyfes came: and calling together the nations of the people, he declared al the wordes which our Lord had commanded him. ⁸ And al the people answered together: ^dAl thinges that our Lord hath fpoken, we wil doe. And when Moyfes had reported the peoples wordes to our Lord, ⁹ our Lord faid to him: Now prefently wil I come

^a To this place (which was their 12. manfion) they came the 47. day after they parted from Ægypt. And the third day folowig which was the 50, the law was geuen in mount Sinay. *S. Hierom. Epift. 1. ad Fabiolam.*

^b God would haue their free confent, els it were not a perfect couenant. *Theodoret q. 35. in Exod.*

^c In this couenant God promifeth particular loue; Prieftly function, wherby they might better ferue him; and effectual grace and fanctitie.

^d The people promife loyaltie to God, and to keepe his commandements.

to thee in the darkeneffe of a cloude, that the people may heare me fpeaking to thee, and may beleue thee for euer. Moyfes therefore ^atold the peoples wordes to our Lord. ¹⁰ Who faid to him: Goe to the people, and fancifie them to day, and to morow, and let them wafh their garmentes. ¹¹ And let them be readie againft the third day: for in the third day the Lord wil defcend in the fight of al the people vpon the mount Sinai. ¹² And thou fhalt appoynt certaine limites to the people in circuite, and fhalt fay to them: Beware ye afcend not into the mount, and that you touch not the endes therof: euerie one that toucheth the mount, dying fhall dye. ¹³ Handes fhall not touch him, but he fhall be ftoned to death, or fhall be shot through with arrowes: whether it be beaft, or man, it fhall not liue. When the trumpet fhall be ginne to found, then let them afcend into the mount. ¹⁴ And Moyfes came downe from the mount to the people, and fancified them. And when they had washed their garments, ¹⁵ he faid to them: Be readie againft the third day, and come not neere your wiues. ¹⁶ And now the third day was come, and the morning appeared: and behold thunders beganne to be heard, and lightnings to flash, and a verie thicke cloude to couer the mount, and the noyfe of the trumpet founded exceedingly: and the people, that was in the campe, feared. ¹⁷ And when Moyfes had brought them forth to mete with God from the place of the campe, they ftoode at the botome of the mount. ¹⁸ And al the mount Sinai fmoked: for becaufe our Lord was defcended vpon it in fyre, and the fmoke arofe from it as out of a fornace: and al the mount was terrible. ¹⁹ And the found of the trumpet grew lowder by litle and litle, and was drawn out a length: Moyfes fpake, and God answered him. ²⁰ And our Lord defcended vpon the mount Sinai in the very toppe of the mount, and he called Moyfes into the toppe therof. Whither when he was afcended, ²¹ he faid

^a So Angels & Saints offer our prayers & other good workes to God, though he know al things before hand.

vnto him: Goe downe, and charge the people: left perhaps they wil paffe their limittes to see the Lord, and a very great multitude of them perish. ²² The priestes also that come to the Lord, let them be sanctified, lest he strike them. ²³ And Moyfes said to our Lord: The common people can not ascend into the mount Sinai: for thou didst charge, and command, saying: Put limittes about the mount, and sanctifie it. ²⁴ To whom our Lord said: Goe, gette thee downe and thou shalt come vp, & Aaron with thee: but ^athe priests and the people let them not paffe the limittes, nor ascend to the Lord, lest perhaps he kil them. ²⁵ And Moyfes went downe to the people, and told them al.

ANNOTATIONS

1 This day.) The first day of the third moneth the children of Ifrael came into the desert of Sinai. So counting 16. dayes remaining of the first moneth when they parted from Ægypt, al the second moneth of 30. dayes, this first day of the third moneth, and three dayes more, in which they were sanctified by washing and other ceremonies (*v. 10.*) the Law was geuen the fifteth day, in figure of the Law of Chrif, promulgated on whitfunday, the fifteth day after our Redemption. VVherby we see meruelous correpondence of diuine Myfteries, in the old and new Teftament. *S. Auguftin Epift. 119. c. 16.*

Agreement of old
and new myfteries.

^a The people and al inferior clergie also, are to kepe their limites and to lerne Gods wil of their fuperiors.