

Chapter 25

Oblations of first fructes, and freegiftes for making the Tabernacle, and things pertainyng therto. 10. The Arke. 17. The Propitiatorie, and Cherubims. 23. A table, and thereon the Loaves of propofition. 31. A candlestick, 37. and seven lampes, with snuffers of gold.

And our Lord spake to Moyfes, faying: ² Speake to the children of Ifrael, that they take first fructes for me of euerie man that offereth of his owne accord, you shal take them. ³ And these are the thinges which you must take: ^a)Gold, and filuer, and braffe, ⁴ hyacinth and purple, and scarlet twise died, and filke, and the haire of goates, ⁵ and rammes skinnies died redde, and ianthin skinnies, and the wood fetim: ⁶ oyle to make lightes: spices for oyntement, and for incense of good fauour: ⁷ Onyx ftones, and pretious ftones to adorne the ephod, and rationale. ⁸ And they shal make me a sanctuarie, and I wil dwel in the middes of them: ⁹ according to al the fimilitude of the tabernacle which I wil shew thee, & of al the veffel to the seruice therof: & thus you shal make it: ¹⁰ frame an arke of the wood fetim, the length wherof shal haue two cubites & an halfe: the bredth, a cubite and an halfe: the height, likewise a cubite and an halfe. ¹¹ And thou shalt plate it with most pure gold within and without: and ouer it thou shalt make a golden crowne round about: ¹² and foure golden ringes, which thou shalt put at the foure corners of the arke: let two ringes be on the one side, and two on the other. ¹³ Thou shalt make barres also of the wood fetim, and shalt couer them with gold. ¹⁴ And thou shalt put them in through the ringes that are in the sides of the arke, that it may be caried on them: ¹⁵ the which shal be alwayes in the ringes, neither shal they

^a As the Ifraelites were prompt to offer these external things in the old law, so Christians must offer the like for Gods seruice: but specially al fortes of vertues, Faith, hope, charitie, penance, deuotion, prayer, almes, fasting, &c.

at anie time be drawn out of them. ¹⁶ And thou shalt put in the arke the teftification which I wil geue thee. ¹⁷ Thou shalt make a Propitiatorie of moft pure gold: the length therof shal hold two cubites and an halfe, and the bredth a cubite & an halfe. ¹⁸ Two ^{a)}Cherubims alfo thou shalt make of beaten gold, on both fides of the oracle. ¹⁹ Let one Cherub be on the one fide, and the other on the other. ²⁰ Let them couer both fides of the Propitiatorie fpreading their winges, and couering the oracle, and let them looke one towards the other, their faces turned vnto the Propitiatorie wherwith the arke is to be couered, ²¹ wherin thou shalt put the teftimony that I wil geue thee. ²² Thence wil I command, and wil fpeake to thee ouer the propitiatorie & from the middes of the two Cherubims which shal be vpon the arke of teftimonie, al thinges which I wil command the children of Ifrael by thee. ²³ Thou shalt make a table alfo of the wood fetim, hauing two cubites in length, and in bredth a cubite, and in height a cubite and an halfe. ²⁴ And thou shalt plate it with moft pure gold: & thou shalt make to it a golden ledge round about, ²⁵ and to the ledge it felf a crowne enterpolished, four fingers high: and vpon the fame, an other golden crowne. ²⁶ Thou fhalt prepare alfo foure golden ringes, and shalt put them in the foure corners of the fame table at euerie foote. ²⁷ Vnder the crowne shal the golden ringes be, that the barres may be put through them, and the table may be carried. ²⁸ The barres alfo them felues thou shalt make of the wood fetim, and shalt compaffe them with gold to beare vp the table. ²⁹ Thou shalt prepare alfo fawcers, and phials, cenfers, and goblettes, wherein the libamentes are to be offered, of moft pure gold. ³⁰ And

^a If Images were vnlawful God would not haue commanded to make Cherubims. *cō. Nic. 2.*

thou shalt fette vpon the table ^{a)}loaues of propofition in
 my fight alwaies. ³¹ Thou shalt make alfo a candlefticke
 beaten of moft pure gold, the shaft therof, and branches,
 cuppes, and boules, and lilies proceeding from the fame.
³² Six branches shal goe forth of the fides, three out of
 one fide, and three out of the other. ³³ Three cuppes as
 it were in the maner of a nutte on euerie branch, and a
 boule withal, and a lilie: and three cuppes likewife of the
 fashion of a nutte in an other branch, and a boule withal,
 and a lilie. This shal be the worke of the fix branches,
 that are to be drawn forth from the shaft: ³⁴ and in the
 candlefticke it felfe shal be foure cuppes in maner of a
 nutte, and at euerie one boules and lilies. ³⁵ Boules vn-
 der two branches in three places, which together make
 fix comming forth out of one shaft. ³⁶ Both the boules
 therfore and the branches shal be out of it, al the whole
 beaten of moft pure gold. ³⁷ Thou shalt make alfo feuen
 lampes, and shalt fette them vpon the candlefticke, for
 to geue light ouer againft. ³⁸ The fnuffers alfo and where
 the fnuffinges shal be put out, let them be made of moft
 pure gold. ³⁹ The whole weight of the candlefticke with
 al the furniture therof shal haue a talent of moft pure
 gold. ⁴⁰ Looke, and make it according to the paterne,
 that was shewed thee in the mount.

^a For the perpetual vse, and fanctitie of thefe loaues, which none
 might eate but fuch as were pure (*1. Reg. 21.*) they prefigured
 the holie Eucharift. *S. Hier. in Tit. 1. S. Damascen. de ortho.*
li. 4. c. 14. S. Cyril cathec. 4.

And confequently Chrift is really prefent in the B. Sacrament.
 For if there were bread in fubftance, it fhould not excel the figure;
 which is required in eierie thing prefigured. *Colloff. 2.*