

Chapter 34

Moyfes goeth againe into Mount Sinai, vvith new tables, praying for the people, 10. to whom God promifeth to giue poffeffion of the Land. 12. Prohibiteth al afsociation vvith the Gentiles, for feare of Idolatrie, 18. geueth precepts concerning the firft borne, the Sabbath, and other feaftes. 28. After fourtie dayes faft, Moyfes returneth to the people with the commandements, and his face appearing horned, he couereth it, whenfoeuer he fpeaketh to the people.

And after this he faid: ^{a)}Cut thee two tables of ftone like vnto the former, and I wil write vpon them the wordes, which the tables had, which thou haft broken. ² Be readie in the morning, that thou maieft forwith go vp into the mount Sinai, and thou fhalt ftand with me vpon the toppe of the mount. ³ Let no man go vp with thee, neither let anie man be fene throughout the whole mount: the oxen alfo and the sheepe let them not feede ouer againft. ⁴ He cut out therfore two tables of ftone, fuch as had bene before: and rifing very early he went vp into mount Sinai, as our Lord had commanded him, carying with him the tables. ⁵ And when our Lord was defcended in a cloude, Moyfes ftoode with him, calling vpon the name of our Lord. ⁶ Who paffing before his, he faid:

Chief ruler.

Dominatour Lord God, merciful and clement, patient and of much compaffion, and true, ⁷ which keepeft mercie vnto thoufandes: which takeft away iniquitie, and wicked factes, and finnes, and no man of him felfe is innocent before thee. Which doeft render the iniquitie of the fathers to the children, and to the nephewes vnto the third and fourth generation. ⁸ And Moyfes making haft, bowed flatte vnto the earth, and adoring ⁹ he faid: If I

^a The firft tables being broken, yet others are made: fo though the firft grace geuen in Baptifme be loft, yet there remaineth penance, as the fecond table of faftie after fhipwrake. *S. Hiero. Epif. ad Demedriad.*

haue found grace in thy fight o Lord, I befeech thee that thou wilt goe with vs (for it is a ftiffe necked people) and take away our iniquities and finnes, and poffeffe vs. ¹⁰ Our Lord anfwered: ^a)I wil make a couenant in the fight of al, I wil do fignes that were neuer fene vpon the earth, nor in anie nations: that this people may fee, in the middes of whom thou art, the terrible worke of the Lord which I wil doe. ¹¹ Obferue al thinges which this day I command thee: I my felf wil caft out before thy face the Amorrhite, and Chananeite, and Hetheite, the Pherezeite alfo, and Heueite, and Iebufeite. ¹² Beware thou neuer ioyne amitie with the inhabitants of that land, which may be thy ruine: ¹³ but deftroy their altars, breake their ftatues, and cut downe their groues: ¹⁴ adore not a ftrange God. The Lord his name is Ieloufe, God is an emulatour. ¹⁵ Enter no traffick with the men of thofe regions: left, when they haue fornicated with their goddes, and haue adored their idols, fome man cal thee to eate of the thinges immolated. ¹⁶ Neither fhalt thou take a wife for thy fonnes of their daughters: left after them felues haue fornicated, they make thy fonnes alfo to fornicate with their goddes. ¹⁷ Molten goddes thou fhalt not make to thee. ¹⁸ Thou fhalt keepe the folemnie of the azymes. Seuen dayes fhalt thou eate azymes, as I haue commanded thee, in the time of the moneth of new corne: for in the moneth of fpring time thou didft goe out of Ægypt. ¹⁹ Al of the male kind, that openeth the matrice, shal be mine. Of al beaftes as wel oxen as of fheepe, it fhall be mine. ²⁰ The firftborne of an affe thou fhalt redeeme with a sheepe: but if thou wilt not giue a price for it, it fhall be flaine. The firftborne of thy fonnes thou fhalt redeeme: neither fhalt thou appeare emptie in my fight. ²¹ Six dayes fhalt thou worke, the feuenth day thou fhalt ceafe to eate, and reape. ²² The folemnie of weekes thou fhalt make to thee, in the firft fruites of corne of thy wheate harueft, and the folemnie, when the time of the yeare returneth that al thinges are laid

^a Notwithftanding his former commination *chap. 33. v. 3.* God here promifeth new benefites.

vp. ²³ Three tymes of the yeare al thy male shal appeare in the fight of the omnipotent Lord God of Ifrael. ²⁴ For when I fhall haue taken away the nations from thy face, and shal haue dilated thy borders, no man shal lie in wayte againft thy land, when thou doeft goe vp, and appeare in the fight of the Lord thy God thrife in a yeare. ²⁵ Thou shalt not immolate the bloud of my hofte vpon leauen: neither fhall there remaine in the morning of the victime of the folemnie of the Phafe. ²⁶ The firft of the fruites of thy ground thou shalt offer in the houfe of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not boile a kidde in the milke of his damme. ²⁷ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Write thee thefe wordes, in which I haue made a couenant both with thee and with Ifrael. ²⁸ Therefore he was there with our Lord fourtie dayes and fourtie nightes: he did not eate bread, and he dronke no water, and ^a)he wrote in the tables the wordes of the couenant, ^b)tenne. ²⁹ And when Moyfes came downe from the mount Sinai, he held the two tables of teftimonie, and he knew not that his face was ^c)horned by the conuerfation of the talke of our Lord. ³⁰ And Aaron and the children of Ifrael feing the face of Moyfes horned, they were afraid to come neere. ³¹ And being called of him, they returned as wel Aaron as the princes of the fynagogue. And after that he fpake to them, ³² al the children of Ifrael alfo came to him: whom he commanded al thinges that he had heard of our Lord in mount Sinai. ³³ And hauing ended his talke, he put ^d)a veile vpon his face. ³⁴ Which going in to our Lord, and fpeaking with him, he toke away vntil he

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- ^a God by an Angel not Moyfes. *supra v. 1. & Deut. 10. v. 2. & 4.*
^b Howfoeuer the commandments are diuided in both tables, here it is certaine, that there be no more nor fewer then tenne in al.
^c So his face appeared to the beholders, by reafon of the gliftering beames of his countenance fhining glorioufly, after his conuerfation with God fourtie dayes: which fignifieth that *much more that which abideth* (in al eternitie) *is in glorie. 2. Cor. 3.*
^d The fame veile (faieth S. Paul) remaneth vpon the hart of the Iewes, that they can not fee Chrift, til by his fpecial grace they fhall be illuminated: *2. Cor. 3.* The like is vpon Heretikes that can not fee the Church. *S. Aug. in Pfal. 30. con. 2.*

went forth, and then he spake to the children of Israel
al thinges that had bene commanded him. ³⁵ Who say
that the face of Moyfes coming forth was horned, but he
couered his face againe, if at anie time he spake to them.