

Chapter 23

Sara dying Abraham folemnizeth her funeral, 4. byeth a field with a duble caue of Ephron, 15. for hour hundreth ficles, 19. and there burieth her.

And Sara liued an hundred twentie feuen yeares. ² And she died in the citie of Arbee which is Hebron, in the land of Chanaan: And Abraham came to mourne, and weepe for her. ³ And after that he was risen vp from ^a)the funeral obsequies, he spake to the children of Heth, faying: ⁴ I am a ftranger and pilgrime among you: geue me the right of a fepulchre with you, that I may burie my dead. ⁵ The children of Heth anfwered, faying: ⁶ My lord heare vs, thou art a prince of God among vs: in our principal fepulchres burie thou thy dead: and no man can let thee but that in his owne monument thou mayest burie thy dead. ⁷ Abraham rofe vp, and ^b)adored the people of the land, to wit the children of Heth: ⁸ and he faid to them: If it please your foule that I burie my dead, heare me, and be interceffors for me to Ephron the fonne of Seor: ⁹ that he geue me the duble caue, which he hath in the vttermoft part of his field: for money to the worth therof let him deliuer it to me before you for poffeffion of a fepulchre. ¹⁰ And Ephron dwelt in the middest of the children of Heth. And Ephron made anfwer to Abraham in the hearing of al that went in at the gate of the citie, faying: ¹¹ No, it fhall not be fo, my lord, but thou rather harken to that which I doe fay: The field I deliuer to thee, and the caue that is therin, in the prefence of the children of my people, burie thy dead. ¹² Abraham adored before the people of the land. ¹³ And he fpoke to Ephron, his people ftanding round about: I befeech thee to heare me: I wil geue money for the field: take it, and

^a A cleare example of religious office in burying the dead, See *2. Reg. 1.* and *2. Paral. 35.*

^b Adoration vfed for reuerence done to men. See alfo *c. 27. v. 29. c. 33. v. 3. 7. and S. Aug. q. 61. in Gen.*

fo I wil burie my dead in it. ¹⁴ And Ephron answered:
¹⁵ My lord, heare me. The ground which thou defireft,
is worth foure hundred ficles of filuer: this is the price
betwen me and thee: but how much is this? burie thy
dead. ¹⁶ Which when Abraham had heard, he weyed the
money, that Ephron had asked, in the hearing of the chil-
dren of Heth, foure hundred ficles of filuer of common
currant money. ¹⁷ And the field that before time was
Ephrons, wherin was the duple caue, looking towards
Mambre, afwel it, as the caue, and al the trees therof
in al the lymits therof round about: ¹⁸ was made fure
to Abraham for a poffeffion, in the fight of the children
of Heth, and of al that went in at the gate of his citie.
¹⁹ And fo Abraham buried Sara his wife in the duple
caue of the field, that looked towards Mambre, this is
Hebron in the land of Chanaan. ²⁰ And the field was
made fure to Abraham, and the caue, that was in it, for
a poffeffion to burie in, of the Children of Heth.