

Chapter 5

Of hoftes, for the finne of concealing an others periurie, 2. for vncleanes, 4. for vaine fwearing, 14. for error in exercifing holie rites, 17. & for anie finne committed by ignorance.

If a foule finne, and heare the voice of one fwearing, and be witnes becaufe either he him felfe fawe, or is priuie to it: ^a)vleffe he vtter it, he fhall beare his iniquitie. ² The foule that toucheth anie vncleane thing, either that which was killed of a beaft, or died of it felfe, or anie other thing that creepeth: and forgeteth his vncleanes is guiltie, and hath offended: ³ and if he touch anie thing of the vncleanneffe of man, according to anie impuritie wherwith he is wount to be polluted, & hauing forgotten, doe knowe it afterward, he fhall be guiltie of an offence. ⁴ The foule that fwareth, and vttereth with his lippes, that he would doe ^b)either il; or wel, and bindeth the fame with an oathe, and his word, & hauing forgotten afterward vnderftandeth his offence, ⁵ let him do penance for his finne, ⁶ and offer of the flockes an ewe lambe, or a shee goate, and the priefte fhall pray for him, and for his finne: ⁷ but if he be not able to offer a beaft, let him offer two turtles, or two young pigions to our Lord, one for finne, and the other for an holocauft, ⁸ and he fhall geue them to the priefte: who offering the firft for finne, fhall wryth backe the heade therof to the litle pinions, fo that it fticke to the necke, and be not altogeather broken of. ⁹ And of the bloud therof he fhall fprinckle the wall of the altar, and whatfoeuer is left, he fhall make it diftil to the bottome therof, becaufe it is for finne. ¹⁰ And the other he fhall burne for an holocaufte, as is wount

^a VVhen periurie doth prejudice an others caufe, he that knoweth the truth is bond to reueil it to the Iudges; but with difcretion to auoide fcandal.

^b Swearing to do that is euil, or not doing that is lawfully fworne, is finne.

to be done: and the priest shall pray for him, and for his sinne, and it shall be forgiven him. ¹¹ And if his hand be not able to offer two turtles, or two young pigeons, he shall offer for his sinne, of flour the tenth part of an ephah. He shall not put oyle upon it, nor cast any frankincense thereon, because it is for sinne, ¹² and he shall deliver it to the priest: who taking thereof a full handful, shall burne it upon the altar for a memoriall, of him that did offer it: ¹³ praying for him and making expiation, but the part that is left, his sinne shall have for a gift. ¹⁴ And our Lord spake to Moyses, saying: ¹⁵ If a foule transgressing the ceremonies, by error shall sinne in those things that are sanctified to our Lord, he shall offer for his offence a ramme, without spotte out of the flockes, that may be bought for two shekels, according to the weight of the Sanctuary: ¹⁶ and ^a)the damage it felt which he did, he shall restore, and the fifth part he shall add besides, delivering it to the priest, who shall pray for him, ^b)offering the ramme, and it shall be forgiven him. ¹⁷ If a foule sinne by ignorance, and do one of those things which by the lawe of the Lord are forbidden, and being guiltie of sinne, understand his iniquitie, ¹⁸ he shall offer a ramme without spotte of the flockes to the priest, according to the measure, and estimation of the sinne: who shall pray for him, because he did it unwitting: and it shall be forgiven him, ¹⁹ because by error he offended against the Lord.

^a For remission of sinne restitution is first required if iniurie was done.

^b Besides restitution satisfaction is also necessarie for the offence to God. *Theodoret. q. 2. in Levitic.*