

Chapter 6

Oblation for finne vvittingly committed. 8. The maner of offering holocaust. 12. Continual fire to be kept in the Altar. 14. The facrifices vvhich Priests shal offer at their Confecration. 24. In general of hoftes for finne, and vvho shal eate of the fame and vvhere.

Ovr Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: ² The foule that shal finne, and contemning the Lord, shal denie vnto his neighbour the thing deliuered to his custodie, which was committed to his credite, or shal by force extort anie thing, or do oppreffion, ³ or shal finde a thing loft, and denying it, be alfo forefworne, and shal doe anie other thing of manie, wherein men are wount to finne, ⁴ being conuicted of the offence, ⁵ he shal render al thinges which by fraude, he would haue obteyned, whole, and the fift part besides to the owner vnto whom he did the damage. ⁶ But ^afor his finne he shal offer a ramme without fpott out of the flocke, and shal geue it to the priest, according to the eftimation, and meafure of the offence: ⁷ who shal pray for him before the Lord, and he shal haue forgeuenes for euerie thing that in doing he finned. ⁸ And Our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: ⁹ Command Aaron and his fonnes: This is the Law of an holocaust: It shal be burnt vpon the altar, al night vntil morning: the fire shal be vpon the fame altar. ¹⁰ The priest shal be reuefted with the tunike and the linnen femoralles: and he shal take vp the ashes, which the deuouring fire burned, and putting them besides the altar, ¹¹ shal be vnuefted of his former veftments, and being clothed with others, shal carie them forth without the campe, and in a moft cleane place shal caufe them to be confumed vnto duft. ¹² And

^a Such examples of penāce or fatisfaction for finne besides reftitution of that was wrongfully taken, are frequent in Moyfes Law.

the fire on the altar ^a)shal alwaies burne, which the priest shal nourish, putting wood vnderneath, in the morning euerie day, and laying on the holocaust, therupon shal burne the fatte of the pacifiques. ¹³ This fire is continual which shal neuer faile on the altar. ¹⁴ This is the Law of the sacrifice and libamentes, which the children of Aaron shal offer before the Lord, and before the altar. ¹⁵ The priest shal take vp a handful of the floure, that is tempered with oyle, and al the frankincense, that is put vpon the floure: and he shal burne it on the altar for a moniment of moft sweete odour to the Lord: ¹⁶ and the part of the floure that is left, shal Aaron eate with his sonnes, without leauen: and he shal eate it in the Holie place of the court of the tabernacle. ¹⁷ And therefore it shal not be leauened, because part therof is offered for the burnt sacrifice of the Lord. It shal be moft Holie, as that for finne, and for offence. ¹⁸ The males onlie of Aarons stocke shal eate it. ¹⁹ It shal be an ordinance and euerlasting in your generations of the sacrifices of the Lord. Euerie one that toucheth them, shal be sanctified. ²⁰ And our Lord spake to Moyfes, saying: ²¹ This is the oblation of Aaron, and of his sonnes, which they must offer to the Lord, in the day of their vnction. The tenth part of an ephi of floure shal they offer in a sacrifice for euer, halfe therof in the morning, and halfe therof at euen: ²² which being tempered with oile shal be fried in a frying panne. ²³ And the priest that by right succeedeth his father, shal offer it hote, for a moft swete odour to the Lord, and it shal wholly be burnt on the altar. ²⁴ For euerie sacrifice of the priest shal be consumed with fire, neither shal anie man eate therof. ²⁵ And our Lord spake to Moyfes, saying: ²⁶ Speake to Aaron and his sonnes: This is the law of the hofte for finne. In the

^a This fire was first sent miraculously from God. (*infra. c. 9. v. 24.*) and according to this commandment, was perpetually conferred: from which al fire was to be taken that was used in the tabernacle. *S. Aug. q. 31. & Theod. q. 9. in Leviticum.* Mytically it signified, that the fire of charitie being first kindled in mans hart by Gods grace, must be continually nourished and kept burning, from which al other good workes are deriued.

place where the holocaust is offered, shal it be immolated before our Lord. It is Holie of holies. ²⁷ The priest that doth offer it, shal eate it in a holie place, in the courte of the tabernacle. ²⁸ Whatfoeuer shal touch ^a)the flesh therof, shal be fanctified. If of the bloud therof a garment be fprinkled, it shal be washed in a holie place. ²⁹ And the earthen veffel, wherin it was foddenn, shal be broken, but if the veffel be of braffe, it shal be scoured, and washed with water. ³⁰ Euerie male of the priestlie race shal eate of the flesh therof, becaufe it is Holie of holies. ³¹ For the hofte that is flaine for finne, whose bloud is caried into the tabernacle of teftimonie to make expiation in the Sanctuarie, shal not be eaten, but shal be burnt with fire.

^a By flefh of penance is vnderftood, fasting, watchīg, haircloth, teares, prayers, almes which whofoeuer duly toucheth fhall be fanctified. *Hefychius Hierofol. li. 2. in Lewit. c. 6.*