

Chapter 12

The law of womens purification that beare children.

And our Lord spake to Moyfes, faying: ² Speake to the children of Ifrael, and thou shalt say to them: A woman, if ^a)receauing feede she beare a man child, shal be vncleane feuen daies, according to the daies of the feparation of her floures. ³ And the eight day the litle infant shal be circumcised: ⁴ but her self shal remaine three & thirtie daies in the bloud of her purification: No holie thing shal she touch, neither shal she enter into the Sanctuarie, vntil the daies of her purification be expired. ⁵ But if she beare a woman child, she shal be vncleane two weekes, according to the custome of the fluxe of her floweres, and fixtie fix daies she shal remaine in the bloud of her purification. ⁶ And when the daies of her purification are expired, for a sonne, or for a daughter, she shal bring a lambe of a yeare old for an holocaust, and a young pigeon or a turtle for finne, to the dore of the tabernacle of testimonie, and shal deliver them to the priest, ⁷ who shal offer them before our Lord, and shal pray for her, and so she shal be cleansed from the fluxe of her bloud. This is the lawe for her that beareth a man child or a woman child. ⁸ And if her hand finde not, neither is able to offer a lambe, she shal take two turtles, or two young pigeons, one for an holocaust, and an other for finne, and the priest shal pray for her, and so she shal be cleansed.

^a The most pure virgin mother, was not subiect to this law. For she conceived not by the feede of man, yet obserued the custome of other women *Luc. 2.* as Christ also would be baptized by S. Iohn Baptist *Mat. 3.* to geue example of humilitie. *S. Cyril. li. 8. in Leuit. S. Bernard. Ser. 3. de Purific.*