

Chapter 13

The law concerning leprofie in men, 47. and in garments.

And our Lord spake to Moyfes, and Aaron, saying: ² The man, in whose skinne and flesh shal arise a diuers colour or a blister, or any thing as it were shyning, that is to say the plague of the leprofie, shal be brought ^{a)}to Aaron the priest, or any one of his sonnes. ³ Who feing the leprofie in his skinne, & the heare turned into a white colour, and the forme it selfe of the leprofie lower then the skinne, and the other flesh: it is the plague of the leprofie, and at his arbitrement he shal be seperated. ⁴ But if there be a shining whiteneffe in the skinne, and not lower then the other flesh, and the heare of the old colour, the priest shal shut him vp seven daies, ⁵ and the seventh day he shal view him: and if the leprofie be growne no farder, nor hath passed the former limites in the skinne, againe he shal shut him vp other seven daies. ⁶ And the seventh day he shal behold: if the leprofie be somewhat obscure, and not growne in the skinne, he shal cleanse him, because it is a scabbe: and the man shal wash his clothes, and shal be cleane. ⁷ And if the leprofie grow againe, after that he was fene of the priest and restored to cleanneffe; he shal be brought vnto him, ⁸ and shal be condemned of vncleanneffe. ⁹ If the plague of the leprofie be in a man, he shal be brought to the priest, ¹⁰ and he shal view him. And when there is ^{b)}a white colour in the skinne, and hath changed the looke of the heare, and the flesh also it selfe appeare quicke: ¹¹ it shal be iudged a verie old leprofie, and growne into the skinne. The priest therefore shal contaminate him, and shal not shut him vp,

^a It pertained to the Priests to discern of leprofie, in figure of Priestes authoritie to bind and loose finnes in the new Testament. *S. Chrysoft. li. 3. de Sacerdotio.*

^b Leprofie making spottes in the skinne of another colour, signifieth herefie, that mixeth falshood with truth. *S. Aug. li. 2. quest. Euangel. c. 40.*

because he is vncleane evidently. ¹² But if the leprofie spring forth running about in the skinne, and couer al the flesh from the head to the feete, whatfoeuer falleth vnder the fight of the eies, ¹³ the priest shal vew him, and shal iudge that he is taken with a ^a)moft cleane leprofie: for that it is al turned into whitneffe, and therefore the man shal be cleane. ¹⁴ But when there shal appeare in him quicke flesh, ¹⁵ they by the iudgement of the priest he shal be polluted, and shal be reputed among the vncleane, for quick flesh if it be spotted with leprofie, is vncleane. ¹⁶ And if againe it be turned into whitneffe, and couer al the man, ¹⁷ the priest shal vew him, and shal iudge him to be cleane. ¹⁸ And the flesh and the skinne wherin a boile is rifen, and healed, ¹⁹ and in the place of the boile, there appeare a white fcarre, or fomewhat redde, the man shal be brought to the priest: ²⁰ and when he shal see the place of the leprofie lower then the other flesh, and the heare turned into whitenes, he shal contaminate him: for the plague of leprofie is rifen in the boile. ²¹ But if the heare be of the old colour, and the fcarre fomewhat obfcure, & be not lower then the next flesh, he shal shut him vp feuē dayes. ²² And if it be growne farder, he shal iudge him to haue the leprofie, ²³ but if it ftay in his place, it is the fcarre of a boile, and the man shal be cleane. ²⁴ And the flesh and skinne, that fire hath burnt, and being healed hath a white or reade fcarre, ²⁵ the priest shal confider it, and loe it is turned into whitneffe, and the place therof is lower then the other skinne: he shal contaminate him, because the plague of leprofie is rifen in the fcarre. ²⁶ But if the colour of the heare be not changed, nor the blemish lower then the other flesh, and the forme it self of the leprofie be fomewhat obfcure, he shal shut him vp feuen dais, ²⁷ and the feuenth day he shal behold him: if the leprofie be growne farder in the skinne, he shal contaminate him, ²⁸ but if the whitnes ftay in his place, not very cleare, it is the plague of a burning, and therefore he shal

^a Sometimes that femeth leprofie, or herefie, which is not: wherof the priest is to iudge. *Deut. 17.*

be cleafed, becaufe it is the fcarre of a burning. ²⁹ Man, or woman, in whofe head or beard the leprofie rifeth, the prieft fhall fee them, ³⁰ and if the place be lower then the other flesh, and the heare yelow, and thinner then it was wont, he fhall contaminate them, becaufe it is the leprofie of the heade and the beard. ³¹ But if he perceiue the place of the fpotte equal with the flesh neere vnto it, and the heare blacke: he fhall shut him vp feuen daies, ³² and in the feuenth day he fhall looke vpon it. If the fpotte be not growne, and the heare be of his owne colour, and the place of the plague euen with the other flesh: ³³ the man fhall be shauen fauing the place of the fpotte, and fhall be shut vp other feuen daies. ³⁴ If the feuenth day the plague feeme to haue ftaid in his place, & not lower then the other flesh, he fhall cleafe him, and his clothes being washed he fhall be cleane. ³⁵ But if after his clenfing the fpotte be growne againe in the skinne, ³⁶ he fhall no more feeke whether the heare be changed into a yelow colour, becaufe he is euidently vncleane. ³⁷ Moreouer if the fpotte be ftaid, & the heare be blacke, let him know that the man is healed, and let him boldly pronounce him cleane. ³⁸ Man, or woman, in whofe skinne appeareth whiteneffe, ³⁹ the prieft fhall vew them. If he find that whitneffe fomewhat obfcure shineth in the skinne, let him know that it is not the leprofie, but a fpotte of white colour, and that the man is cleane. ⁴⁰ The man whofe heare falleth of from his head, is bald and cleane: ⁴¹ and if the heare fal from his forehead, he is bald before and cleane. ⁴² But if in the baldneffe or in the baldneffe before there be rifen a white or reddish colour, ⁴³ and the prieft perceiue this, he fhall condemne him vndoubtedly of leprofie, which is rifen in the baldneffe. ⁴⁴ Whofoeuer therefore fhall be defiled with leprofie & is feperated at the arbitrement of the prieft, ⁴⁵ fhall haue his clothes hanging loofe, his head bare, his mouth couered with a cloth, he fhall crie him felf polluted and vncleane. ⁴⁶ Al the time that he is a lepre & vncleane, he fhall dwel alone without the campe. ⁴⁷ A wollen or linnen garment, that fhall haue the leprofie, ⁴⁸ in the warpe, and the woufe, or els a

skinne, or whatfoeuer is made of a skinne, ⁴⁹ if it be a white or reddish fpott, it shal be reputed infected with leprofie, and shal be shewed to the priefte. ⁵⁰ Who hauing considered it shal shut it vp feuen daies: ⁵¹ and the feuenth day againe beholding it, if he find that it is growne, it is a leprofie that continueth: he shal iudge the garment polluted, and euerie thing wherin it shal be found, ⁵² and therefore it shal be burnt with fire. ⁵³ But if he see that it is not growne, ⁵⁴ he shal command, and they shal wash that, wherin the leprofie is, and he shal shut it vp other feuen daies. ⁵⁵ And when he shal see that the old shape is not returned, neither yet that the leprofie is growen furder, he shal iudge it vnclene, and burne it with fire, for that the leprofie is fpred in the outside of the garment or through the whole. ⁵⁶ But if the place of the leprofie be fomewhat obfcure, after that the garment is washed, he shal breake it of, and diuide it from that which is founde. ⁵⁷ And if besides in those places, that before were without fpotte there appeare a flying and wandring leprofie: it muft be burnt with fire: ⁵⁸ if it be ceaffed, he shal wash with water the partes, that be pure, the fecond time, & they shal be cleane. ⁵⁹ This is the law of the leprofie of a wollen and linnen garment, of the warpe and the woufe, and of al ftuffe of skinnes, how it ought to be clenfed, or contaminated.