

Chapter 21

At what funerals Priests may not be present. 7. VVhat wemen they may not marie, 9. a priests daughter committing fornication muft be burned. 10. The high Prieft shal not vncouer his head, nor rent his garment, nor be present at anie funeral, nor at al goe forth of the holie place. 13. When he marieth he muft take a virgin. 16. None that hath a blemish in his bodie (though he be of Aarons ftock) shal minifter in the Sanctuarie, nor approach to the Altar.

Ovr Lord faid alfo to Moyfes: Speake to the priestes the fonnes of Aaron, and thou fhalt fay to them: Let not a prieft be contaminated in the deathes of his citizens, ² but onlie in his kinne, and nigh of bloud, that is to fay, vpon his father and mother, and fonne, and daughter, brother alfo, ³ and fifter being a virgin which hath not bene married to a hufband: ⁴ but neither in ^a)the prince of his people fhall he be contaminated. ⁵ Neither fhall they fhaue their head, nor beard, nor make incifions in their flefh. ⁶ They fhall be holie to their God, and shal not pollute his name: for the burnt facrifice of the Lord, and breades of their God doe they offer, and therfore they shal be holie. ⁷ A whore and a vile ftrumpette he shal not take to wife, nor her, that is put away from her hufband: becaufe they are cōfecrated to their God, ⁸ and offer the breades of propofition. Be they holie therfore, becaufe I alfo am holie, the Lord, that fanctifie them. ⁹ The daughter of a prieft if she be taken in whordome, & difhonour the name of hir father, shal be burnt with fire. ¹⁰ The grand bishoppe, that is to fay the prieft that is greateft among his brethren, vpon whose head hath bene poured the oyle of vnction, and whose handes were confecrated in

^a By the p̄ice S. Paul vnderftood the high Prieft. *Act. 23.*

priesthood, and who was reuefted with the holie veftimentes, ſhal not vncouer his head, he ſhal ^{a)}not rent his garments: ¹¹ and to no dead perſon ſhal he enter in at al. Vpon his father alſo, and mother ſhal he not be contaminated. ¹² Neither ſhal he goe forth out of the holie places, leſt he pollute the Sãctuarie of the Lord, becauſe the oyle of the holie vnction of his God is vpon him. I the Lord. ¹³ He ſhal take a virgin vnto his wife: ¹⁴ but a widow and her that is put away, and a filth, and a whore he ſhal not take, but a maide of his owne people: ¹⁵ that he mingle not the ſtocke of his kinred with the common people of his nation: becauſe I am the Lord that ſanctifie him. ¹⁶ And our Lord ſpake to Moyſes, ſaying: ¹⁷ Speake to Aaron: The man of thy feede throughout their families, that hath ^{b)}a blemish, ſhal not offer breades to his God, ¹⁸ neither ſhal he approach to his minifterie: If he be blinde, if lame, if he haue a litle, or a great, or a crooked noſe, ¹⁹ if his foote be broken, if his hand, ²⁰ if he be crooke backed, or blere eyed, or haue a pearle in his eye, or a continual ſcabbe, or drie ſcurffe in his bodie, or be burnt. ²¹ Euerie one that hath a blemish of the feede of Aaron the prieſt, ſhal not approach to offer the hoſtes to the Lord, nor the breades to his God. ²² He ſhal eate notwithstanding of the breades, that are offered in the Sanctuarie, ²³ yet ſo that he enter not within the veilen, or approach to the altar, becauſe he hath a blemish, and he muſt not contaminate my Sanctuarie. I the Lord that ſanctifie them. ²⁴ Moyſes therefore ſpake to Aaron, and to his ſonnes and to al Ifrael, al thinges that had bene commanded him.

^a Caiphãs rēt his garments (*Mat. 26.*) cōtrarie to this law, malice making him neglect his owne dignitie.

^b If ſuch deformities and defectes made men irregular, and vnmete to exerciſe prieſtly function in the old teſtament, how much more in the Church of Chriſt?