

Chapter 11

The people murmuring are punished with fire. 7. Manna is againe described. 10. Moyfes being afflicted with folicitude of trubefome people, 16. God adioyneth feuentie Ancients to fustaine part of his burden. 18. Promifeth to geue al the people flesh. 25. The ancients do prophecie. 31. The people haue their fil of flesh, 33. but forthwith manie die of the plague. Wherof the place is called, The fepulchres of concupifcence.

In the meane time there arofe a murmuring of the people, as it were repynning for labour, againft our Lord. Which when our Lord had heard, he was angrie. And the fire of our Lord being kindled againft them, deuoured the vttermoft part of the campe. ² And when the people had cried to Moyfes, Moyfes prayed to our Lord, and the fire was quenched. ³ And he called the name of that place, Kindling: for that the fire of our Lord had bene kindled againft them. ⁴ For ^a)the common vulgar people, that came vp with them, burned with defire, fitting and weeping, the children of Ifrael being ioyned together with them, and faid: Who fhall geue vs flefh to eate? ⁵ We remember the fishes that we did eate in Ægypt gratis: the cucumbers come vnto our minde, and the melons, and leekes and onions and garlike. ⁶ Our foule is drie, our eies behold nothing els by Manna. ⁷ And the Manna was as it were the feede of Coriander, of the colour of bdellion. ⁸ And the people went about, & gathering it, grounde it in a milne, or braied it in a mortar, boyling it in a potte, and making cakes therof of the taift as it were of oyled bread. ⁹ And when the dew fel in the night vpon the campe, the Manna alfo fel withal. ¹⁰ Moyfes therfore heard the people weeping by their families, euerie one at the doores of his tent. And the furie of our Lord was exceding

^a These were Ægyptians that parted out of their cuntry with the Ifraelites, and now murmuring drawe others by example to the fame finne.

wrath: but to Moyfes alfo it femed an intolerable thing.
¹¹ And he faid to our Lord: Why haft thou afflicted thy feruant? wherefore do I not finde grace before thee? and why haft thou laid the weight of al this people vpon me?
¹² Haue I conceaued al this multitude, or begotten them, that thou shouldeft fay to me: Carie them in thy bofome as the nource is wont to carie the litle infant, and beare them into the land, for the which thou haft fworne to their fathers?
¹³ Whence shal I haue flesh to geue to fo great a multitude? they whine againft me, faying: Geue vs flesh that we may eate.
¹⁴ I alone can not fufftaine al this people, becaufe it is heauie for me.
¹⁵ But ^{a)}if it feme vnto thee otherwife, I befeche thee to kil me, and let me finde grace in thine eies, that I be not molefted with fo great euils.
¹⁶ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: Gather me feuentie men of the ancientes of Ifrael, whom thou knoweft to be the ancientes of the people and maifters: and thou shalt bring them to the doore of the tabernacle of couenant, and shalt make them to ftand there with thee,
¹⁷ that I may defcend and fpeake to thee: and ^{b)}I wil take of thy fpirit, and wil deliuer to them, that they may fufftaine with thee, the burden of the people, and thou onlie be not burdened.
¹⁸ To the people alfo thou shalt fay: Be fanctified: to morrow you fhall eate flefh: for I haue heard you fay: Who fhall geue vs meates of flesh? it was wel with vs in Ægypt. That the Lord may geue you flefh, and you may eate:
¹⁹ not one day, nor two, or fiue or ten, no nor twentie,
²⁰ but euen to a moneth of daies, til it goe out at your nofethrils, and be turned to lothfomenes, becaufe you haue reiected the Lord, who is in the middes of you, and haue whyned before him, faying: Wherefore came we out of Ægypt?
²¹ And Moyfes faid: There are fix hundred thousand

^a Prayers of holie men are with fubmiffion of their willes to Gods wil, either expreffed or implied.

^b God imparted of the fame fpirite to thefe Ancientes, wherof he had geue to Moyfes, that they might haue fo much helpe of grace as pleased God, and Moyfes haue neuertheleffe. *S. Aug. q. 18. in Num.*

footemen of this people, & fayest thou: I wil geue them flesh to eate a whole moneth? ²² Why, fhall a multitude of fheepe and oxen be killed, that it may fuffife for meate? or fhall al the fishes of the fea be gathered together, for to fil them? ²³ To whom our Lord answered: Why, is the hand of the Lord vnable? Now prefently thou shalt fee whether my word fhall be accomplished in deede. ²⁴ Moyfes therefore came, and told the people the wordes of our Lord, affembling feuentie men of the ancientes of Ifrael, whom he caufed to ftand about the tabernacle. ²⁵ And our Lord defcended in a cloude, and fpake to him, taking away of the fpirit that was in Moyfes, and geuing to the feuentie men. And when the fpirit had refted on them, they prophecied, neither ceafed they any more. ²⁶ And there had remained in the campe two men, of the which one was called Eldad, and the other Medad, vpon whom the fpirit refted ^a)for they alfo had bene enrolled, and were not gone forth to the tabernacle. ²⁷ And when they prophecied in the campe, there ran a boy, and told Moyfes, faying: Eldad and Medad do prophecie in the campe. ²⁸ Forthwith Iofue the fonne of Nun, the minifter of Moyfes, and chofen of manie, faid: My Lord Moyfes forbid them. ²⁹ But he faid: Why haft thou emulation for me? O that al the people might prophecie, and that our Lord would geue them his fpirit? ³⁰ And Moyfes returned, and the ancientes of Ifrael into the campe. ³¹ And a winde coming forth from our Lord, taking quailles ouer the fea brought them, and let them fal into the campe the fpace of one daies iourney, on euerie fide of the campe round about, and they did flie in the ayre two cubites high ouer the earth. ³² The people therefore rifing vp al that day, and the night, and the next day, gathered together a multitude of quailles, he that did the leaft, ten cores: and they dried them round about the campe. ³³ As yet the flesh was in their teeth, neither had that kind of meate failed: and behold the furie of our Lord being prouoked

^a Gods grace fometimes preuenteth the ordinarie meanes. *Theodoret. q. 21. in Num.*

againſt the people, ſtroke them with an exceeding great plague. ³⁴ And that place was called, ^a)The Sepulchres of concupiſcence: for there they buried the people that had luſted. And departing from the Sepulchres of concupiſcence, they came vnto Haferoth, and taried there.

^a By this example and figure S. Paul ſheweth that al ſhal not be faued, which are baptifed, & communicate in the ſame faith & Sacraments, but thoſe only which alſo pleaſe God in their workes.
1. Cor. 10.