

Chapter 15

Certain precepts concerning Sacrifices, 17. and first fruites, are repeated, 22. also touching different punishment of sinne committed by ignorance and by set wilfulness: 32. and accordingly one is stoned to death, for gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. 37. All are commanded to carry a signe in their garments, thereby to remember the commandments of God.

And our Lord spake to Moyfes, saying: ² Speake to the children of Ifrael, and thou shalt say to them: When you shall be entred into the Land of your habitation, which I will geue you, ³ and shall make oblation to the Lord for an holocaust, or victime, paying vowes, or voluntarily offering giftes, or in your solemnities burning a sweete fauour vnto the Lord, of oxen or of sheepe: ⁴ whosoever immolateth the victime, shall offer a sacrifice of flowre, the tenth part of an ephi tempered with oyle, which shall haue in measure the fourth part of an hin: ⁵ and wine of the same measure to powre the libamentes shall he geue for the holocaust or for the victime. For euerie lambe ⁶ and ramme there shall be a sacrifice of flowre of two tenthes, which shall be tempered with oyle the third part of an hin: ⁷ and wine for the libamente, the third part of the same measure, shall he offer for a sweete fauour to the Lord. ⁸ But when thou makest an holocaust or hoste of oxen, to fulfil thy vow or for pacifique victimes, ⁹ thou shalt geue for euerie ox three tenthes of flowre tempered with oyle, which shall haue halfe the measure of an hin: ¹⁰ and wine to powre libamentes of the same measure for an oblation of most sweete fauour to the Lord. ¹¹ So shalt thou doe ¹² for euerie ox and ramme and lambe and buckegoate. ¹³ As well they that are borne in the countrie as the strangers ¹⁴ after one rite shall offer sacrifices. ¹⁵ There shall be all one precept and iudgement as well to your felues as to the strangers of the land. ¹⁶ Our Lord spake to Moyfes, saying: ¹⁷ Speake to the children of Ifrael, and thou shalt say to them: ¹⁸ When you are come into the land, which

I wil geue you, ¹⁹ and shal eate of the breades of that countrie, you shal separte first frutes to the Lord ²⁰ of your meates. As of your barne floores you separte first frutes, ²¹ so of your pafes shal you geue first frutes to the Lord. ²² And if through ignorance you omitte any of these thinges, which the Lord hath spoken to Moyfes, ²³ and by him hath commanded you, from the day that he beganne to command and so forward, ²⁴ and the multitude haue forgotten to do it: they shal offer a calfe out of the heard, an holocauste for a most sweete fauour to the Lord, and the sacrifice and libamentes therof, as the ceremonies require, and a buckegoate for sinne: ²⁵ and the priest shal pray for al the multitude of the children of Israell: and it shal be forgiven them, because they sinned not wittingly, offering notwithstanding burnt sacrifice to the Lord for their felues and for their sinne and error: ²⁶ and it shal be forgiven al the people of the children of Israell, and the strangers, that sojourn among them, because it is the fault of al the people through ignorance. ²⁷ But if one soule shal sinne vnwittingly, he shal offer a she goate of a yeare old for his sinne: ²⁸ and the priest shal pray for him, because he sinned vnwittingly before the Lord: and he shal obtaine him pardon, and it shal be forgiven him. ²⁹ As wel to them that are borne in the countrie as to the strangers one law shal be for al, that sinne by ignorance. ³⁰ But the soule, that ^a)through pride committeth any thing, whether he be borne in the countrie, or a stranger, (because he hath bene rebellious against the Lord) shal perish out of his people: ³¹ for he hath contemned the word of the Lord, and made his precept of no effect: therefore shal he be destroyed, and shal beare his iniquitie. ³² And it came to passe, when the children of Israell were in the wilderness, and had found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day, ³³ they presented him to Moyfes and Aaron and

^a Though sinnes wittingly committed, proceeding of pride and contempt of Gods commandment, could not be pardoned by the law: yet such may also be remitted through true repentance. *S. Aug. q. 25. in Num.*

the whole multitude. ³⁴ Who shut him into prifon, not knowing what they should doe with him. ³⁵ And our Lord faid to Moyfes: ^a)Dying let this man die, let al the multitude ftone him without the campe. ³⁶ And when they had brought him out, they ftoned him, and he died as our Lord had commanded. ³⁷ Our Lord alfo faid to Moyfes: ³⁸ Speake to the children of Ifrael, and thou shalt fay to them, that they make them felues ^b)fringes in the corners of their garmentes, putting in them ribandes of hyacinth: ³⁹ which when they shal fee, they may remēber al the commandements of the Lord, and not folow their owne cogitations and eies fornicating after diuers thinges, ⁴⁰ but rather mindful of the preceptes of the Lord may do them, and be holie to their God. ⁴¹ I the Lord your God, that brought you out of the Land of Ægypt, that I might be your God.

^a Seueritie is vfed towards thofe that knowīg Gods wil do contrarie. *Luc. 12. v. 47.*

^b The Iewes in Chrifts time hypocritically enlarged thefe fringes, for vaine fhew of holines. *Mat. 23.*