

Chapter 3

Samuel thrife called vpon in fleepe by vifion from God, repaireth to Heli. 10. The fourth time our Lord reueleth to him the euil, that shal fall to Heli, and his houfe. 16. Which he, being requested, declareth to Heli.

And the childe Samuel ministred to our Lord before Heli, and the word of our Lord was ^{a)}precious in thofe daies, there was no vifion manifest. ² It came to paffe therefore on a certayne day Heli lay in his place, and his eies were become dimme, neither could he see. ³ ^{b)}Before the lampe of God was extinguished, Samuel flept in the temple of our Lord, where the arke of God was. ⁴ And our Lord called Samuel. Who anfwering, faid: Loe here I am. ⁵ And he ranne to Heli and faid: Loe here I am: for thou didft cal me. Who faied: I did not cal thee: returne and fleepe. And he went and flept. ⁶ And our Lord added againe to cal Samuel. And Samuel ryfing vp went to Heli, and faid: Loe here I am: becaufe thou didft cal me. Who answered: I did not cal thee my fonne: returne and fleepe. ⁷ Moreouer Samuel did not yet know our Lord, neither had the word of our Lord beene reueled to him. ⁸ And our Lord added, and called Samuel yet the third time. Who ryfing vp went to Heli, ⁹ and faid: Loe here I am: becaufe thou didft cal me. Heli therefore vnderftood that our Lord called the childe, and faid to Samuel: Goe, & fleepe: & if he shal cal thee hereafter, thou shalt faie: Speake Lord, for thy feruant heareth. Samuel therefore went & flept in his place. ¹⁰ And our Lord came, and ftoode: and he called, as he had called twife: Samuel, Samuel. And Samuel fayd: Speake Lord for thy feruant heareth. ¹¹ And our Lord faid to Samuel: Behold I doe a thing in Ifrael: which whofoeuer shal

^a Rare things are called precious, and fo the gift of prophecie is here termed, which was then granted to few.

^b This vifion happened early in the morning, before the time of dreffing the lampes, when fome were put out and others light.

heare, both his eares shal tingle. ¹² In that day wil I rayfe vp againft Heli al thinges which I haue fpoken touching his houfe: I wil beginne, and accomplish it. ¹³ For I haue foretold him that I would iudge his houfe for euer, becaufe of iniquitie, for that he knewe that his fonnes did wickedly, and hath not corrected them. ¹⁴ Therefore haue I fworne to the houfe of Heli, that the iniquitie of his houfe can not be expiated with victimes and giftes for euer. ¹⁵ And Samuel flept vntil morning, and opened the doores of the houfe of our Lord. And Samuel feared to tel the vifion vnto Heli. ¹⁶ Heli therefore called Samuel, and faid: Samuel my fonne: Who anfwering, faid: Here I am. ¹⁷ And he asked him: What is the word, that our Lord hath fpoken to thee? I befech thee conceale it not from me. Thefe thinges doe God to thee, and thefe doe he adde, if thou shalt hide from me a word of al the wordes, which were faid to thee. ¹⁸ Samuel therefore told him al the wordes, & did not hide them from him. And he answered: It is our Lord: let him doe that which is good in his eies. ¹⁹ And Samuel grewe, and our Lord was with him, and there fel not of his wordes vpon the ground. ²⁰ And al Ifrael knewe from Dan to Berfabee, that faithful Samuel was the prophet of our Lord. ²¹ And our Lord added to appeare in Silo, becaufe our Lord had bene reueled to Samuel in Silo, according to the word of our Lord. And the word of Samuel came to paffe to al Ifrael.