

Chapter 29

Dauid going with the Philiftijms towards the warre, 4. the princes vrge and force the king to fend him back.

Therefore al the companies of the Philiftijms were gathered together into Aphec: and Ifrael also camped vpon the fountaine, which was in Iezrahel. ² And the princes in dede of the Philiftijms marched in hundreds and thoufandes: but Dauid and his men were in the laft companie with Achis. ³ And the princes of the Philiftijms fayd to Achis: What meane thefe Hebrewes? And Achis fayd to the princes of the Philiftijms: Doe you not knowe Dauid, which was the feruant of Saul the king of Ifrael, and is with me manie daies, or ^ayeares, and I haue not found any thing in him, fince the day that he fled to me, vntil this day? ⁴ But the princes of the Philiftijms were angrie againft him, and fayd to him: Let this man returne, and abide in his place, wherein thou haft appointed him, and let him not goe downe with vs into battel, left he become an aduerfarie to vs, when we fhall beginne to fight: for how can he otherwife pacifie his lord, but in our heades? ⁵ Is not this Dauid, to whom they fang in dances, fay- ing: Saul hath ftrooke his thoufandes, & Dauid his ten thoufandes? ⁶ Achis therefore called Dauid, and fayd to him: The Lord liueth, thou art iuft, and good in my fight: and thy going out, & thy coming in is with me in the campe: and I haue not found in thee anie euil, fince the day that thou cameft to me vntil this day: but thou pleafest not the nobles. ⁷ Returne therefore, and goe in peace, and offend not the eies of the princes of the Philiftijms. ⁸ And Dauid fayd to Achis: For what haue I done, and what haft thou found in me thy feruant, fince the day that I haue beene in thy fight, vntil

^a He fpeaketh by amplification to make his fact feme more reafon- able: whereas the time of Dauids abode with him was but foure monethes. *ch. 27. v. 7.*

this day, that I may not come, and fight againft the enemies of my lord the King? ⁹ And Achis anfwering fpake to Daud: I know that thou art good in my fight, as an Angel of God: but the princes of the Philiftijms haue fayd: He shal not goe vp with vs into battel. ¹⁰ Therefore arife in the morning, thou, and the feruantes of thy lord, which came with thee: and when you are rifen in the night, and it shal beginne to waxe light, goe forward. ¹¹ Daud therefore arofe in the night, he and his men, that they might fette forward in the morning, and returne to the land of the Philiftijms: and the Philiftijms went vp into Iezrahel.