

Chapter 17

Dauid determining to build a Temple, 11. is admonished by Nathan the prophet, that not he, but his sonne, shall build it; and be established in the kingdom. 16. Dauid extolleth Gods benigntie towards him, and the people.

And when Dauid dwelt in his house, he sayd to Nathan the prophete: Behold I dwel in a house of cedar: and the Arke of the couenant of our Lord is vnder skinned. ² And Nathan sayd to Dauid: All thinges, that are in thy hart doe: for God is with thee. ³ Therefore that night the word of God came to Nathan, saying: ⁴ Goe, and speake to Dauid my seruant: Thus sayth our Lord: Thou shalt not build me a house to dwel in. ⁵ For neither haue I remayned in house from the time, that I brought out Ifrael, vntil this day: but I haue bene alwaies changing places of tabernacle, and in tent ⁶ abyding with al Ifrael. Did I speake to one, at the least, of al the iudges of Ifrael, whom I commanded to feede my people, and did I say: Why haue you not built me a house of cedar? ⁷ Now therefore so shalt thou speake to my seruant Dauid: Thus sayeth the Lord of hostes: I tooke thee, when in the pastures thou didst follow the flocke, that thou shouldest be prince of my people Ifrael. ⁸ And I haue bene with thee whither foeuer thou wentest: and I haue slayne al thine enemies before thee, and haue made thee a name as of one of the great ones, that are renowned in the earth. ⁹ And I haue geuen a place to my people Ifrael: it shall be planted, and shall dwel therein, and shall be moued no more, neither shall the children of iniquitie consume them, as from the beginning, ¹⁰ since the dayes that I gaue Iudges to my people Ifrael, and humbled al thine enemies. I therefore tel thee, that our Lord wil build thee ^aa house. ¹¹ And when thou shalt haue accomplished thy daies to goe to

^a That is continew and preferue thy feede, and familie as we see it performed euen to the B. virgin Marie, and Chrif of the house of Dauid. *Mat. 1. Luc. 2. 3.*

thy fathers, I wil rayfe vp thy feede after thee, which fhall be of thy children: and I wil eftablifh his kingdom. ¹² He fhall build me a houfe, and I wil confirme his throne for euer. ¹³ I wil be to him for a father, and he fhall be to me for a fonne: and my mercie I wil not take from him, as I tooke from him, that was before thee. ¹⁴ And I wil eftablifh him in my houfe, and in my kingdom for euer: and his throne fhall be moft firme for euer. ¹⁵ According to al thefe wordes, and according to al this vifion, fo fpake Nathan to Dauid. ¹⁶ And when king Dauid came, and fate before our Lord, he fayd: Who am I Lord God, and what is my houfe, that thou fhouldeft geue me fuch thinges? ¹⁷ But this alfo hath femed little in thy fight, and therefore thou haft fpoken concerning the houfe of thy feruant for time to come alfo: and haft made me renowned aboue al men Lord God. ¹⁸ What can Dauid adde farther, wheras thou haft foe glorified thy feruant, and knowen him? ¹⁹ Lord for thy feruant according to thy hart thou haft done al this magnificence, and would haue al thy great wonders to be knowen. ²⁰ Lord, there is not the like to thee: and there is none other befide thee, of al whom we haue heard with our eares. ²¹ For what other is there, as thy people Ifrael, one nation in the earth, to the which God went, to deliuer it and make it his people, and with his greateneffe and terrours caft out the nations before the face of it, which he deliuered out of Ægypt? ²² And thou haft made thy people Ifrael to be thy people for euer, and thou Lord art made the God therof. ²³ Now therefore Lord, the word, which thou haft fpoken to thy feruant, and concerning his houfe, be in confirmed for euer, and do as thou haft fpoken. ²⁴ And let thy name remayne and be magnified for euer: and let it be fayd: The Lord of hoftes is God of Ifrael, and the houfe of Dauid his feruant permanent before him. ²⁵ For thou Lord my God haft reueled the eare of thy feruant, to build him a houfe: and therefore thy feruant hath found confidence, to pray before thee. ²⁶ Now therefore Lord thou art God: and thou haft fpoken to thy feruant fo great benefittes. ²⁷ And thou haft begunne to bleffe

the houle of thy feruant, that it be alwaies before thee:
for thee ô Lord bleffing it, it fhall be bleffed for euer.