

## Chapter 3

*The prayer of Tobias, 7. and Sara, in their feuerall afflictions, 24. are heard by God, and the Angel Raphael is sent to releue them.*

**T**hen Tobias lamented, and began to pray with teares, <sup>2</sup> faying: Thou art iuft ô Lord, & al thy iudgementes are iuft, and al thy waies, mercie, & truth, and iudgement. <sup>3</sup> And now Lord be mindful of me, and take not reuenge of my finnes, neither remember the finnes of me, or of my parentes. <sup>4</sup> Because we haue not obeyed thy commandmentes, therefore we are deliuered in fpoile, and captiuitie, and death, and into a fable, and into reproch to al nations, in which thou haft difperfed vs. <sup>5</sup> And now Lord great are thy iudgementes, because we haue not done according to thy preceptes, & haue not walked fincerely before thee: <sup>6</sup> and now Lord according to thy wil do with me, & command my fpirite to be receiued in peace: for it is expedient for me to die, rather then to liue. <sup>7</sup> The verie fame day therefore it chanced that Sara the daughter of Raguel in <sup>a</sup>)Rages a citie of the Medes, fhe alfo heard reproch of one of her fathers handmaydes, <sup>8</sup> because fhe had beene deliuered to feuen hufbandes, & the diuel named <sup>b</sup>)Afmodeus had killed them, forthwith as they were entred in vnto her. <sup>9</sup> Therefore when she rebuked the wench for her fault, she answered her, faying: Let vs no more fee fonne of thee, or daughter vpon the earth, thou murderer of thy hufbandes. <sup>10</sup> What wilt thou kil me alfo, as thou haft now killed feuen hufbandes? At this voice fhe went into

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<sup>a</sup> In a prouince of the Medes wherof Rages was the head citie, for when they came where Raguel dwelt, Tobias ftayed there, and the Angel went to the citie of Rages where Gabelus dwelt. *c. 9.* As one may fay: fuch a one dwelleth in Rome, that dwelleth in anie part of Romania: in Yorck, Lincolne, or Mummoth, that dwelleth in one of thofe fhires.

<sup>b</sup> *Afmodeus*, fignifying *Deftroyer* is a captaine or king of thofe diuels which fpecially deftruy foules by the finnes of the flefh, & afterward tormenteth both foules and bodies for the fame finnes.

an higher chamber of her houfe: and three dayes, and three nightes did not eate, nor drinke: <sup>11</sup> but continew- ing in prayer with teares befought God, that he would deliuer her from this reproch. <sup>12</sup> And it came to paffe the third day, whiles ſhe accomplished her prayer, bleſſing our Lord, <sup>13</sup> ſhe ſayd: Bleſſed is thy name ô God of our fathers: who when thou haſt bene angrie, wilt doe mercie, & in the time of tribulation forgeueſt them their finnes, that inuocate thee. <sup>14</sup> To thee ô Lord I turne my face, to thee I direct myne eyes. <sup>15</sup> I deſire Lord that thou looſe me from the bond of this reproch, or els take me away from the earth. <sup>16</sup> Thou knoweſt Lord that I neuer coueted a huſband, and haue kept my foule cleane from al concupiſcence. <sup>17</sup> Neuer haue I companied my ſelf with ſporters: neither haue I made my ſelfe partaker with them that walke in lightneſſe. <sup>18</sup> But a huſband I conſented to take, with thy feare, not with my luſt. <sup>19</sup> And either I was vnworthie of them, or they perhaps were not worthie for me: becauſe perhaps thou haſt kept me for an other man. <sup>20</sup> For thy counſel is not in mans power. <sup>21</sup> But this hath euerie one for certayne, that worſhippeth thee, that his life, if it be in probation, ſhal be crowned: and if it be in tribulation, it ſhal be deli- uered: and if it be in correction, it ſhal be lawful to come to thy mercie. <sup>22</sup> For thou art not delighted in our perditions: becauſe after a tempeſt thou makeſt a calme, and after teares and weeping thou powreſt in ioyfulneſſe. <sup>23</sup> Be thy name God of Ifrael bleſſed foreuer. <sup>24</sup> At that time the prayers of both were heard in the ſight of the glorie of the high God: <sup>25</sup> and the holie Angel of our Lord Raphael was ſent, to cure them both, whoſe prayers at one time were <sup>a</sup>)recited in the ſight of our Lord.

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<sup>a</sup> *Act. 10.* An Angel ſhewed Cornelius that his prayers were heard. *Apoc. 5.* Prayers of the faithful are offered to God by Angels, & other Sainctes.