

## 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> Becaufe we haue not obeyed thy commandmentes, therfore 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, becaufe 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 therfore 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> becaufe 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> Therfore when she rebuked the wench for her fault, she anfwered 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 deftroy foules by the finnes of the flefh, & afterward tormenteth both foules and bodies for the fame finnes.

an higher chamber of her houle: 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, bleffing our Lord, <sup>13</sup> she fayd: Bleffed is thy name ô God of our fathers: who when thou haft bene angrie, wilt doe mercie, & in the time of tribulation forgeueft 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 defire Lord that thou loofe me from the bond of this reproch, or els take me away from the earth. <sup>16</sup> Thou knoweft 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 fporters: neither haue I made my selfe partaker with them that walke in lightneffe. <sup>18</sup> But a husband I confented to take, with thy feare, not with my luft. <sup>19</sup> And either I was vnworthie of them, or they perhaps were not worthie for me: becaufe perhaps thou haft kept me for an other man. <sup>20</sup> For thy counfel is not in mans power. <sup>21</sup> But this hath euerie one for certayne, that worshipping thee, that his life, if it be in probation, shal be crowned: and if it be in tribulation, it shal be deliuered: 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: becaufe after a tempeft thou makeft a calme, and after teares and weeping thou powrest in ioyfulneffe. <sup>23</sup> Be thy name God of Ifrael bleffed 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 fent, 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.