

Chapter 6

By the Angels aduife yong Tobias apprehendeth a fish, that afsaulteth him, 5. referueth the hart, gal, and liuer for medicines. 10. They lodge at the houfe of Raguel, whofe daughter Sara Tobias is to marie. 14. A diuel hath heretofore flaine her feuen husbandes, 16. but shal not hurt him.

And Tobias went forward, & a dogge folowed him, and he made his firft abode by the riuer of Tigris. ² And he went out to wafh his feete, and behold an huge fifh came forth to deuoure him. ³ Of whom Tobias being afrayd, cryed out with a loud voice, faying: Sir, he inuadeth me. ⁴ And the Angel faid to him: Take him by the gille, & draw him to thee. Which when he had done, he drew him on the drie land, and he began to ftrugle before his feete. ⁵ Then fayd the Angel to him: Take out the entralles of this fifhe, and his hart, and gal, and liuer, keepe to thee: for thefe are neceffarie and profitable for medecines. ⁶ Which when he had done, he rofted the ^aflefh therof, and they tooke it with them in the way: the reft they falted which might fuffife them, til they came to Rages the citie of Medes. ⁷ Then Tobias asked the Angel, and fayd to him: I befech thee brother Azarias, tel me what remedies fhall thefe things haue, which thou haft bid me keepe of the fifh? ⁸ And the Angel anfwering, fayd to him: If thou put a litle peece of his hart vpon coales, the ^bfmoke therof driueth out al kinde of diuels, either from man or from woman, fo that it cometh no more vnto them. ⁹ And the gall is available to annoynt the eies, in which there fhall

and liuer, *v. 19.*

^a S. Paul alfo calleth flefh of fifh *1. Cor. 15.* and Plinie *lib. 9. c. 15.*

^b Diuels who exalted them felues as equal with God, are iuftly made fubiect to corporal creatures. God cōcurring with natural caufes, whofe good pleafure is fometimes to vfe inftrumēt naturally vnapt, as when Chrift gaue fight to the blinde by putting clay on his eyes, *Ioan. 9.* fometimes more apt, as when he fed manie with few loaues. *Ioan. 6.* So the Angel by Gods appointment vfed this meanes to expel the diuel.

be white blemish, and they shall be healed. ¹⁰ And Tobias said to him: Where wilt thou that we tarry? ¹¹ And the Angel answering, said: Here is one named Raguel, a kinsman of thy tribe, and he hath a daughter named Sara, and he hath neither man child, nor any woman child beside her. ¹² All his substance is given to thee, and thou mayst take her to wife. ¹³ Ask her therefore of her father, and he will give her thee to wife. ¹⁴ Then Tobias answered, and said: I hear that she hath been delivered to seven husbands, and they are dead: yea and I have heard, that a devil killed them. ¹⁵ I am afraid therefore, lest these things may happen to me also: & whereas I am the only child of my parents, I may bring downe their old age with sorrow vnto hell. ¹⁶ Then the Angel Raphael said to him: Heare me, and I will shewe thee who they are, on whom the devil can prevail. ¹⁷ For they that so receive matrimony, that they exclude God from them selves, and from their mind, and so geue them selves to their lust, as horse and mule, which haue not vnderstanding, ouer them the devil hath power. ¹⁸ But thou when thou shalt take her, entering into the chamber, for three daies be continent from her, and thou shalt geue thy self to nothing els but to prayers with her. ¹⁹ And the same night, the liver of the fish fette on the fyre, the devil shall be driven away. ²⁰ But the second night thou shalt be admitted in the copulation of the holie Patriarches. ²¹ And the third night thou shalt obeyne a blessing that found children may be procreated of you. ²² And when the third night is past, thou shalt take the virgin with the feare of our Lord, moued rather for loue of children then for lust, that in the seede of Abraham thou mayst obeyne blessing in children.

and hart v. 8.

^a Into the place where good foules rested, none then hauing acceffe into heauen. See *Annotations Gen. 37*.

^b The second night he asked and obtayned this grace; for he knew not his wife vntil the fourth night. v. 22.