

## Chapter 8

*Tobias bruling part of the fishes liuer, Raphael bindeth the diuel. 4. Tobias and Sara pray. 11. Raguel fearing that Tobias is dead, maketh a graue for him, but vnderftanding that he is wel, filleth it vp againe, 21. prepareth a feaft, geueth the half of his goodes prefently for Saraes dawrie, the other halfe after her parents death.*

**A**nd after they had fupped, they brought in the yong man to her. <sup>2</sup> Tobias therefore remembering the Angels word, brought forth out of his bag, part of <sup>a</sup>)the liuer, and layd it vpon liue coales. <sup>3</sup> Then Raphael the Angel tooke the diuel, and bound him in the defert of higher Ægypt. <sup>4</sup> Then Tobias exhorted the virgin, & fayd to her: Sara arife, and let vs pray to God to day, and to morow, and the next morow: becaufe thefe three nights we are ioyned to God: and when the third night is pafte, we wil be in our wedlocke. <sup>5</sup> For we are the children of holie men, & we may not be ioyned together as gentiles, that know not God. <sup>6</sup> And they rifing together, prayed both together that health might be geuen them. <sup>7</sup> And Tobias fayd: Lord God of our fathers, the heauens & the earth, and the fea & fountaynes, and riuers, and al thy creatures that are in them, bleffe thee. <sup>8</sup> Thou madeft Adam of the flime of the earth, & gaueft him Eue an helper. <sup>9</sup> And now Lord thou knoweft, that not for fleshlie luft doe I take my fifter to wife, but only for the loue of pofteritie, in the which thy name may be bleffed for euer & euer. <sup>10</sup> Sara alfo fayd: Haue mercie on vs Lord, haue mercie vpon vs and let vs grow old both together in health. <sup>11</sup> And it came to paffe about the cock crowing, Raguel bad his feruantes to be called for, & they went with him together to digge a graue. <sup>12</sup> For he fayd: Left perhaps it may chance to him, as alfo to the other feuen hufbandes, that

<sup>a</sup> See *chap. 6. v. 8.* Myftically it fignified Chrifts paffion whereby the diuel was expelled out of mens hartes. *S. Aug. fer. 28. de Sanctis. Profper. li. de promiff. p. 2. c. 39.*

went in vnto her. <sup>13</sup> And when they had prepared the pitte, Raguel returning to his wife, sayd to her: <sup>14</sup> Send one of thy handmaydes, and let her see if he be dead, that I may burie him before it be day. <sup>15</sup> But she sent one of her handmaydes, who going into the chamber, found them safe and found, sleeping both together. <sup>16</sup> And returning she brought good tydings: and they blessed our Lord, to witte, Raguel & Anna his wife, <sup>17</sup> and sayd: We blesse thee Lord God of Israell, because it hath not chanced as we thought. <sup>18</sup> For thou hast done thy mercie with vs, & hast excluded from vs the enemie, that persecuted vs. <sup>19</sup> And thou hast taken pitie vpon two the <sup>a</sup>only children. Make them Lord blesse thee more fully: and to offer vp to thee a sacrifice of thy prayse, and of their health, that al nations may know, that thou art God onlie in al the earth. <sup>20</sup> And forthwith Raguel commanded his seruantes, that they should fil vp the pitte, which they had made, before it were day. <sup>21</sup> And he bad his wife make readie a feast, and prepare al thinges, that for victuals were necessarrie to them that goe a iourney. <sup>22</sup> He caused also two fatte kyne, and foure wethers to be killed, and great chere to be prepared for al his neighbours, and al his freindes. <sup>23</sup> And Raguel adiured Tobias, that he should abide with him two weekes. <sup>24</sup> And of al thinges which Raguel possessed, he gaue the halfe part to Tobias, and made this writing, that the halfe part, which was remayning after their decease, should come to the dominion of Tobias.

---

<sup>a</sup> In the one familie there were no more children but one sonne, in the other one onlie daughter.