

Chapter 11

Leauing Sara with the reft of the companie, and the flocke to folow, the Angel Raphael and Tobias goe before, 5. are ioyfully receiued. 8. Tobias annointeth his fathers eyes with the fishes gal, and he feeth. 18. Sara arriueth feuen dayes after with her familie and cattle.

And when they returned they came to Charan, which is in the middeway agaynft Niniue, the eleuenth day. ² And the Angel faid: Brother Tobias thou knoweft how thou dideft leaue thy father. ³ If it pleafe thee therfore, let vs goe before, and let the families folow softly after vs, together with thy wife, and with the beaftes. ⁴ And when this pleased him that they should goe, Raphael faid to Tobias: Take with thee of the gal of the fish: for it fhall be neceffarie. Tobias therefore tooke of that gal and they departed. ⁵ But Anna fate befide the way dayly, in the toppe of a hil, from whence she might fee afar of. ⁶ And whiles she watched his coming out of that place, she faw afar of, and by and by perceiued her fonne coming: and running she told her hufband faying: Behold thy fonne cometh. ⁷ And Raphael faid to Tobias: But when thou art entred into thy houfe forthwith adore our Lord thy God: and geuing thanks to him goe to thy father, and kiffe him. ⁸ And immediatly annointe vpon his eies of this gal of the fish, which thou carieft with thee. For know thou that forthwith his eies fhall be opened, and thy father fhall fee the light of heauen, and fhall reioice in the fight of thee. ⁹ Then ranne ^a)the dogge before, which had beene with them in the way, and coming as it were a meffenger with the fawning of his tayle reioyfed. ¹⁰ And his father that was blind ryfing vp, began to runne ftumbling

^a It nothing difgraceth the facred hiftorie that a fmal matter being alfo true is recorded with the reft. *As not one letter nor one title of the lavv may be omitted. Mat. 5.* S. Beda alfo expoundeth myftically of Gods preachers. S. Ierom doth the like, *in Ifaiæ. 56.* and S. Auguftin *li. 22. c. 56. cont. Fauftum. Manich.*

with his feete: and geuing a feruant his hand, went to meete his fonne. ¹¹ And receiuing him kiffed him, with his wife, and they began both to weepe for ioy. ¹² And when they had adored God, and geuen thanks, they fate downe together. ¹³ Then Tobias taking of the gal of the fifh, annoynted his fathers eies. ¹⁴ And he ftayed as it were almoft halfe an houre: & the white blemifh began to come out of his eies, as it were the skine of an egge. ¹⁵ Which Tobias taking drewe from his eies, and immediatly ^ahe receiued fight. ¹⁶ And they glorified God, to wit, himfelfe and his wife, and al that knewe him. ¹⁷ And Tobias faid: I bleffe thee Lord God of Ifrael, becaufe thou haft chaftified me, and thou haft faued me: and behold I fee Tobias my fonne. ¹⁸ After feuen dayes alfo came in Sara his fonnes wife, and al the familie fafe, and cattel, and the camels, and much money of his wiues: and that money alfo, which he had receiued of Gabelus: ¹⁹ and he told his parentes al the benefites of God, which he had done to him by the man, that conducted him. ²⁰ And Achior and Nabath Tobias fifters fonnes came, reioyfing at Tobias, and congratulating him for al good thinges, that God had fhewed towards him. ²¹ And for feuen daies making good chere, they reioyfed al with great ioy.

^a God vfed this gal of a fifh in curing Tobias eyes, in like forte as the liuer in driuing away the diuel. *c. 6. v. 8.*