Chapter 6

VVith great folemnitie Dauid bringeth the Arke of God from Abinadabs house. 6. Oza for touching it is fodenly flaine. 9. Whereupon Dauid fearing to bring it to his owne house, leaueth it in the house of Obededom three monethes, 12. then fetcheth it, dancing before it, though Michol scorne his deuotion. 17. He offereth sacrifices, diftributeth giftes, bleffeth the people. 23. And Michol is barren.

nd Dauid againe gathered together al the chofen of Ifrael, thirtie thousand. ² And Dauid arose, and went, and all the people that was with him of the men of Iuda, to bring the arke of God, vpon which was invocated the name of the Lord of hoftes. which fitteth in the Cherubins vpon it. ³ And they layd the arke of God vpon a new wayne: and tooke it out of the house of Abinadab, who was in Gabaa: and Oza, and Ahio the fonnes of Abinadab, did drive the new wayne. ⁴ And when they had taken it out of the house of Abinadab, who was in Gabaa, Ahio keeping the arke of God went before the arke. ⁵ But Dauid, and al Ifrael played before our Lord in al wrought wood, both on harpes, and lutes and timbrels and fitterns and cymbals. ⁶ And after they came to the Floore of Nachon, Oza put forth his hand to the arke of God, and held it: because the oxen spurned, and made it leane aside. ⁷ And our Lord was wrath with indignation against Oza, and ftroke him for the a)rafhenes: who died there before the arke of God. 8 And Dauid was ftrooken fad, for that our Lord had ftrooken Oza, and the name of the place was called: The ftriking of Oza vntil this day. 9 And Dauid feared our Lord in that day, faying: How fhal the arke of our Lord come vnto me? 10 And he would not

^a Either there was no probable danger, & fo without caufe Oza touched the arke, that he might feme to be very careful; or els he vfed not fo much reuerence, as he ought to haue donne. *li. 2.* c. 12. de mir. bil. S. Scrip. apud S. Aug. tom. 3.

have the arke of our Lord turne in to himfelf into the citie of Dauid: but he caufed it to turne in vnto the house of Obededom the Getheite. 11 And the arke of our Lord dwelt in the house of Obededom the Getheite three monethes: and our Lord bleffed Obededom, and al his houfe. 12 And it was told king Dauid, that our Lord had bleffed Obededom, and all that he had for the arke of God. Dauid therefore went, and brought away the arke of God out of the house of Obededom, into the citie of Dauid with ioy. ¹³ And when they had paffed, that caried the arke of our Lord, fix paffes, he immolated an oxe and a ramme. 14 And Dauid danced with al his might before our Lord. Moreouer Dauid was girded with a linnen ephod. ¹⁵ And Dauid, and al the house of If all brought the arke of testament of our Lord in iubilation, and in founde of trumpet. ¹⁶ And when the arke of our Lord was entred into the citie of Dauid, Michol the daughter of Saul looking forth through a window, fawe king Dauid leaping, and dancing a) before our Lord: and the defpifed him in her hart. 17 And they brought in the arke of our Lord, and fette it in his place in the middes of the tabernacle, which Dauid had pitched for it: and Dauid offered holocauftes, and pacifiques before our Lord. 18 And when he had accomplished offering holocauftes and pacifiques, he bleffed the people in the name of the Lord of hoftes. 19 And he diftributed to al the multitude of Ifrael as wel man as woman, to euerie one, one cake of bread, and one roafted peece of beefe, and flowre fryed with oyle: and all the people went, euerie man into his houfe. ²⁰ And Dauid returned to bleffe his owne house: and Michol the daughter of Saul coming forth to meete Dauid, fayd: How glorious was the king of If rael to day vncouering himfelf before the handmaydes of his feruantes, and was naked, as if one of the ribbaldes fhould be naked. 21 And Dauid fayd vnto Michol: Before our Lord, which hath chosen me rather then thy father, and then all his house, and commanded me that I should be duke ouer the people of our Lord in Israel,

^a To dance before the arke is to dance before our Lord.

²² both wil I play, & wil become more vile then I haue beene: and I wil be humble in mine eies, and with the handmaydes, of whom thou fpeakeft, I wil appeare more glorious. ²³ Therefore vnto Michol the daughter of Saul was there no child borne vnto the day of her death.