

Chapter 6

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

And Daud againe gathered together al the chofen of Ifrael, thirtie thoufand. ² And Daud arofe, and went, and al the people that was with him of the men of Iuda, to bring the arke of God, vpon which was inuocated 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 houfe of Abinadab, who was in Gabaa: and Oza, and Ahio the fonnes of Abinadab, did driue the new wayne. ⁴ And when they had taken it out of the houfe of Abinadab, who was in Gabaa, Ahio keeping the arke of God went before the arke. ⁵ But Daud, 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: becaufe the oxen fpurned, and made it leane afide. ⁷ And our Lord was wrath with indignation againft Oza, and ftroke him for the ^arafhenes: who died there before the arke of God. ⁸ And Daud 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 Daud feared our Lord in that day, faying: How fhall 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.*

haue the arke of our Lord turne in to himself into the citie of Daud: but he caused it to turne in vnto the houfe of Obedom the Getheite. ¹¹ And the arke of our Lord dwelt in the houfe of Obedom the Getheite three monethes: and our Lord bleffed Obedom, and al his houfe. ¹² And it was told king Daud, that our Lord had bleffed Obedom, and al that he had for the arke of God. Daud therefore went, and brought away the arke of God out of the houfe of Obedom, into the citie of Daud 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 Daud danced with al his might before our Lord. Moreouer Daud was girded with a linnen ephod. ¹⁵ And Daud, and al the houfe of Ifrael 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 Daud, Michol the daughter of Saul looking forth through a window, fawe king Daud leaping, and dancing ^a)before our Lord: and she despifed 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 Daud had pitched for it: and Daud offered holocaustes, and pacifiques before our Lord. ¹⁸ And when he had accomplished offering holocaustes and pacifiques, he bleffed the people in the name of the Lord of hostes. ¹⁹ And he diftributed to al the multitude of Ifrael as wel man as woman, to euerie one, one cake of bread, and one roasted peece of beefe, and flowre fryed with oyle: and al the people went, euerie man into his houfe. ²⁰ And Daud returned to bleffe his owne houfe: and Michol the daughter of Saul coming forth to meete Daud, fayd: How glorious was the king of Ifrael to day vncovering himself before the handmaydes of his feruantes, and was naked, as if one of the ribaldes should be naked. ²¹ And Daud fayd vnto Michol: Before our Lord, which hath chofen me rather then thy father, and then al his houfe, and commanded me that I should be duke ouer the people of our Lord in Ifrael,

^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.