

Chapter 11

Other benefites of wifdom, protecting the Ifraelites in the defert, 3. ouerthrowing their enimies, 4. geuing them water out of a rocke, 8. plaguing the Ægyptians, 21. yet not al fudenly, but by often admonitions, that they might haue repented if they would.

Exo. 16. **S**he directed their workes in the handes of ^aa
Exo. 27. holy prophet. ² They made a iourney through
Exo. 17. the deferts, that were not inhabited: and in
Num. 20. defert places they pitched cottages. ³ They stood againſt
^bthe aduerſaries, and reuenged themſelues of the ene-
mies. ⁴ They thirſted, and inuocated thee, and water
was geuen them out of a moſt high rocke For by the
thinges wherby their enemies ſuffered puniſhment, for
defect of their drinke, and therein, when the children
of Ifrael abounded, they did reioyce; ⁵ by theſe thinges,
when others lacked the ſame, it went wel with them.
⁶ For in fteede of the fountaine of an euerlaſting riu-
er, thou gaueſt mans blood to the vniuerſe. ⁷ Who when they
were diminished in the deſtruction of the murdered in-
fants, thou gaueſt them abundant water vnlooked for:
⁸ ſhewing by the thirſt, that then was, how thou didſt
exalt thine, & didſt kil their aduerſaries. ⁹ For when
^cthey were tempted, and in deede with mercie taking
diſcipline, they knew how ^dthe impious being iudged
with wrath did ſuffer torments. ¹⁰ Theſe certes admon-
iſhing as a father thou didſt proue: but them examining
as a hard king thou didſt condemne. ¹¹ For the abſent
and the preſent were tormented alike. ¹² For double te-
diouſnes had taken them, and fighting with the memorie
of good thinges paſt. ¹³ For when they vnderſtood ^eby

^a Moyſes.

^b The Amalechites.

^c VVhen the Ifraelites wanted water God gaue them abundance out
of rockes,

^d but turned the Ægyptians water into blood.

^e After affliction the benefite of peace is more grateful.

their punishment that it went wel with them, they remembred our Lord, merueling at the end of the euent. ¹⁴ For ^a)whom before they derided, being caft forth in that wicked laying out to perish, him they merueled at in the end of the euent: not thirfting in like maner to the iuft: ¹⁵ but for fenfeles cogitations of their iniquitie, for that ^b)fome erring did worshippe dumme ferpents, and superfluous beafts, thou didft fend vpon them a multitude of dumme beafts for reuenge: ¹⁶ that they might know that by what thinges a man finneth, by the fame alfo he is tormented. ¹⁷ For thine omnipotent hand, which made the world of inuifible matter, was not vn-able to fend vpon them a multitude of beares, or fierce lyons, ¹⁸ or vnknownen beafts ful of anger of a new kind; or breathing the vapour of fires, or cafting forth the fauour of fmoke, or shooting horrible fparkes from their eies: ¹⁹ of which not onlie their hurt was able to deftroy them, but alfo their fight to kil them for feare. ²⁰ Yea and without thefe with one fpirit, they might haue beene flaine fuffering perfecution of their owne factes, and difperfed by the fpirit of thy powre: but thou haft difpofed al thinges in meafure, and number, and weight. ²¹ For, to be of great force refted alwaies in thee onlie: & who fhall refift the powre of thyne arme? ²² Becaufe as the leaft weight of the balance, fo is the round world before thee, and as a droppe of the dewe before day, that falleth vpon the earth. ²³ But thou haft mercie on al, becaufe thou canft do al thinges, and diffembleft the finnes of men for repentance. ²⁴ For thou ^c)loueft al thinges that are, and hateft nothing of thofe which thou haft made: for thou didft not ordaine, or make any thing hating it. ²⁵ And how could any thing continew, vnles thou wouldeft? or be preferued which was not called of thee? ²⁶ But thou

Leuit. 26.
v. 22.
Iere. 8. v. 17.

^a Moyfes was reiected when he iudged betwen his bretheren *Exo. 2. v. 14.* but was afterwards the deliuer of the whole people. *Act. 7. v. 45.*

^b Ægyptians feruing beafts for goddes, were played by frogges, finiphes, flees, and locuftes.

^c God made no creature euil as the Manichees foolifhly imagined, neither is there any God but one who alone created al thinges.

fpareft al: becaufe they are thine ô Lord, which loueft
foules.