

CHAP. V.

First he promiseth rewardes, and he layeth before the Apostles their office. Secondly he protesteth vnto vs that we must keepe the commaundements, and that more exactly then the Scribes and Pharisees, whose iustice weas counted most perfite: but yet that it was vnsufficient, he sheweth in the precepts of Murder, Aduoutrie, Diuorce, Searing, Reuenge, Vsurie, Enemies.

1 AND seeing the multitudes, he vvent vp into a mountaine:and vwhen he vvas set, his Disciples came vnto him, **2** and opening his mouth he taught them, saying.

3 Blessed are the poore in Spirit:for theirs is the Kingdom of heauen. **4** Blessed are the meeke:for they shal possesse the land. **5** Blessed are they that mourne: for they shal be comforted. **6** Blessed are they that hunger & thirst after iustice : for they shal haue their fil. **7** Blessed are the merciful: for they shal obtayne mercie. **8** Blessed are the cleane of hart:for they shal see God. **9** Blessed are the peace-makers : for they shal be called the children of God. **10** Blessed are they that suffer persecution for iustice: for theirs is the Kingdom of heauen. **11** Blessed are ye vwhen they shal reuile you, and persecute you, & speake al that naught is agaynst you, vntruely, for my sake: **12** be glad & reioyce, for your revvard is very great in heauen. -I For so they persecuted the Prophets, that vvere before you.

13 You are the salt of the earth. **14** But if the salt leese his vertue, vwherevvith shal it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast forth, and to be troden of men. **15** You are the light of the vworld. A citie cannot be hid, situated on a mountaine. **16** Neither do men light a candel and put it vnder a bushel, but vpon a cadelsticke, that it may shine to al that are in the house. **17** So let your light shine before men: that they may see your good vvorkes, and glorifie your father vvhich is in heauen.

18 Do not thinke that I am come to breake the Lavv or the Prophets. I am not come to breake: but to fulfil. **19** For assuredly I say vnto you, til heauen and earth passe, one iote or one tittle shal not passe of the Lavv:til al be fulfilled. **20** He therfore that shal breake one of these least commaundementes, & shal so teach men:

shal be called the least in the Kingdom of heauen. But he that shal doe and teach: he shal be called great in the Kingdom of heauen. -I **21** For I tel you, that vnles your iustice abound more then that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shal not enter into the Kingdom of heaue.

22 You have heard that it vvas sayd to them of old. Thou shalt not kil. and vvhoso killeth, shal be in danger of iudgement. **23** But I say to you, that vvhosoeuer is angrie vwith his brother, shal be in danger of iudgment. And vvhosoeuer shal say to his brother, Raca: shal be in danger of a councel. And whosoeuer shal say, Thou foole: shal be guilty of the hel of fyre. **24** If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath ought agaynst the: **25** leaue there thy offering before the altar, and goe first to be reconciled to thy brother: and then coming thou shalt offer thy gift. -I **26** Be at agreement vwith thy aduersarie betimes vvhiles thou art in the vway vwith him: lest perhaps the aduersarie deliuer thee to the iudge, and the iudge deliuer thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. **27** Amen I say to thee thou shalt not goe out from thence til thou repay the last farthing.

28 You haue heard that it vvas sayd to them of old, Thou shalt not committee aduoutrie. **29** But I say to you, that vvhosoeuer shal see a vvoman to lust after her, hath already committed aduoutrie vwith her in his hart. **30** And if thy right eie scandalize thee, plucke it out, & cast it from thee. For it is expedient for thee that one of thy limmes perish, rather then thy vvhole body be cast into hel. **31** And if thy right hand scandalize thee, cut it of, and cast it from thee: for it is expedient for thee that one of thy limmes perish, rather then that thy vvhole body goe into hel.

32 It vvas sayd also, vvhosoeuer dimisse his vvife, let him giue her a bil of diuorcement. **33** But I say to you, vvhosoeuer shal dimisse his vvife, excepting the cause of fornication, maketh her to committee aduoutrie: And he that shal marie her that is dismissed, committeth aduoutrie.

34 Agayne you haue heard that it vvas sayd to them of old, Thou shalt not committee periurie: but thou shalt performe thy othes to our Lord. 35 But I say to you not to svveare at al: neither by heauen, because it is the throne of God: neither by the earth, because it is the foote-stole of his feete:neither by Hierusale, because it is the citie of the great King. 36 Neither shalt thou svveare by thy head, because thou canst not make one heare vvhite or blacke. 37 Let your talke be, yea, yea,:no, no:and that vvwhich is ouer & aboue these,is of euil.

38 You haue heard that it vvas sayd, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. 39 But I say to you not to resist euil: but if one strike thee on thy right cheeke, turne to him also the other: 40 and to him that vvil contend vvith thee in iudgment, and take away thy cote,let goe thy cloke also vnto him. 41 and vvhosoeuer vvil force thee one mile, goe vvith him other tvwayne. 42 He that asketh of thee, giue to him:and to him that vvould borovv of thee,turne not avvay.

43 You haue heard that it vvas sayd, Thou shalt loue thy neighbour, and hate thine enemies. 44 But I say to you, loue your enemies, doe good to them that hate you: and pray for them that persecute and abuse you: 45 that you may be the children of your father vvich is in heauen, vvho maketh his sunne to rise vpon good & bad, and rayneth vpon iust & vniust. 46 For if you loue them that loue you, vvhat revvard shal you haue? do not also the Publicans this? 47 And if you salute your brethren only,vvhat do you more? do not also the heathen this? 48 Be you perfect therfore, as also your heauenly father is perfect.