

shall be my prophet." Now this is the first priest of which there is any mention, for Moses was a law-giver but not a priest. But in every case the Lord speaks to Moses first. The Jewish law was so intricate, and so minute, that it was impossible to keep it perfectly, "and without shedding of blood is no redemption." Hebrews, 9, 22. How thankful we should be that the shadow or the cloud has been lifted off our tabernacle, and that the glorious light of the Gospel shows us Christ, the end of the law for righteousness. "For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son which is consecrated for evermore." Was Aaron, the first high priest, infallible? No. His pride was his destruction. When the people murmured for water in the desert of Zin, Moses and Aaron spoke as if they must fetch the water themselves, (Numbers 20, 10,) forgetting to give the glory of the miracle to God, and for this great sin Aaron was made to mount up to Mount Hor, to be stripped of his garments and to be gathered to his fathers; and, although Moses was allowed to live a little longer, yet, for this same sin he was not allowed to enter into the promised land. Deuteronomy 32, 51. Now, allow me to tell your Holiness that, in calling yourself infallible, you have committed exactly the same sin that Moses and Aaron did at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; and I beseech you, before you are called to appear before your Maker, to retract this dogma which I