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Three kinds of things should be bound: namely men that they may be tortured, things stored up that they may be preserved, and wounds that they may be cured. The first binding is of one to be punished, as was evident in “Achior” tied “to a tree,” Judith 6[:9]. And Matt. 22[:13]: “Bind his hands and feet and cast him into the exterior darkness.”

¶ The second binding happens for the sake of profit, so “Giezi bound two talents of silver in two bags,” 4 Kings 5[:23].

¶ The third thing happens for the sake of remedy, so the Samaritan bound up the wounds of the one wounded, Luke 10[:33-34]. Psal. [146:3]: “Who heals the broken of heart and binds up their bruises.”

¶ Again, the devil binds and God binds. The devil binds some, like a thief for condemning and this with a bond of pain or justice.

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just as a bundle for burning, with a bond of misery. The first is signified in Matt. 21[:2]: “You shall find an ass tied.” And Luke 13[:16]: “Ought not this daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, be loosed?” Concerning the second in Psal. [149:8]: “To bind their kings with fetters.” Concerning the third in Matt. 13[:30]: “Gather up first the cockle,” etc.

¶ Again God binds up the viscera of the sinners with the ligaments of the saints by the ministers of the Church for disbursing. Wherefore also God reprehends some, Ezech. 34[:4]: “That which was broken you have not bound up.” For he is the Samaritan who bound up the wounds, Luke 10[:34].