

Psalme 1

*The Royal prophet Dauid placed this Pfalme as a Preface to the rest, conteyning, 1. true happines, which consisteth in flying finnes, and feruing God. 3. The good doe prosper, 5. not the wicked: 6. as wil appeare in the end of this world.*

The right manner of feruing God. The 7. key.

*Mat. 5.* **B**lessed <sup>a</sup>is the man, that <sup>d</sup>hath <sup>b</sup>not gone in the counfel of the impious, & hath <sup>c</sup>not ftoode in the way of finners, and hath <sup>d</sup>not fitte in the chayre of pestilence:

*Iof. 1.* <sup>2</sup> But <sup>e</sup>his <sup>d</sup>wil is in the way of our Lord, and in his law he wil meditate day and night.

*Iere. 17.* <sup>3</sup> And he shal be as a tree, that is planted nigh to <sup>f</sup>the ftreames of waters, which shal geue his fruite in his time:

<sup>4</sup> And <sup>g</sup>his leafe shal not fal: and <sup>h</sup>al thinges whatfoeuer he shal doe, shal prosper.

<sup>5</sup> The impious not so: but <sup>i</sup>as duft, which the winde driueth from the face of the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore the impious shal <sup>j</sup>not rife againe in iudgement: nor finners in the <sup>k</sup>council of the iuft.

<sup>7</sup> For our Lord <sup>l</sup>knoweth the way of the iuft, and the way of the impious <sup>m</sup>shal perish.

<sup>a</sup> He is in the right way to eternal felicitie.

<sup>b</sup> not contented to euil fuggeftions.

<sup>c</sup> not continued in finne.

<sup>d</sup> not finally perfited in wicked life.

<sup>e</sup> He is wholly occupied & delighted in keeping Gods commandments.

<sup>f</sup> To him that vfeth Gods grace wel, more grace is continually geuen.

<sup>g</sup> Through fuch grace he shal perfeuer.

<sup>h</sup> Al thinges worke to the good of them that loue God fincerely.

<sup>i</sup> The wicked are carried with euery light tentation.

<sup>j</sup> Al ryfing at the laft day, the wicked shal not rife with hope nor comforth, but in defolation.

<sup>k</sup> The happie congregation of the bleffed.

<sup>l</sup> Approueth & rewardeth.

<sup>m</sup> In eternal damnation.

## ANNOTATIONS

1 Hath not gone, not ftood, not fitte.) The Hebrew ftile, and maner of difcourfe differeth here from other nations, in mentioning firft the leffe euil, and the greateft laft. VVhereas we would fay in the contrary order: He is happie that hath not *fitte*, that is, hath not fetled himfelfe in wickednes, nor finally perfifted obftinate: more happie, that hath not *ftood*, anie notable time continued in finne: and moft happie, that hath not *gone*, not geuen anie content at al to euil fuggeftions.

They are happie (in hope) that decline from euil.

2 His vvil in the vvay of our Lord.) As one part of happines confifteth in declining from euil: fo the other is in doing good; the wil defiring, and diligently endeuoring to walke in the way of vertue, and law of God. VVhich is true iuftice, and right forme of good life, propofed in this Pfalme, for attayning eternal beatitude.

Iuftice confifteth in fleing euil and doing good.