

Psalme 16

A iuft mans prayer in tribulation, 10. describing his enemies cruelty, 13. by way of imprecation foresheweth their destruction, 15. and declareth that the iuft shal be fatisfied in glorie.

Gods
providence pro-
tecting the iuft.
The 3. key.

The ^aprayer of Dauid.

Heare ô Lord my ^aiuftice: attend my petition:
with thine eares heare my prayer, ^bnot in deceitful
lippes.

³ From ^cthy countenance let my iudgement pro-
cede: let thine eies see equities.

⁴ Thou haft proued ^dmy hart, and vifited it ^eby
night: ^fby fire thou haft examined me, ^gand there is no
iniquitie found in me.

⁵ That my mouth fpeake not the workes of men: for
the ^hwordes of thy lippes I haue kept the ⁱhard wayes.

⁶ ^jPerfite my pafes in thy pathes: that my fteppes
be not moued.

⁷ I haue cried, becaufe thou haft heard me ô God:
incline thyne eare to me, and heare my wordes.

⁸ Make thy mercies meruelous, which faueft them
that hope in thee.

⁹ From them that refift ^kthy right hand keepe me,
as the apple of the eie.

^a In my iuft caufe heare my petition,

^b feing I pray fincerly, not in feaned affection.

^c Thou that feeft al things declare my right againft mine aduerfaries.

^d My intêtion.

^e Moft fecret cogitations.

^f By tribulations.

^g Whofe confcience is pure from greuous finne, may pray with this
confidence, otherwife repentance is firft neceffarie. But the whole
Church may euer pray in this maner, becaufe there be alwayes
fome iuft and holy, in refpect of whom it is truly called holy.

^h For thy precepts.

ⁱ The narrow way of vertue.

^j None can of themfelues walke rightly, but by Gods helpe.

^k Againft thy omnipotent powre.

¹⁰ Vnder the shadowe of thy winges protect me:
¹¹ from the ^a)face of the impious, that haue afflicted me.

Mine enemies haue compaffed my foule, ¹² they
haue shut vp their ^b)fatte; their mouths hath spoken
pride.

¹³ Casting me forth now haue they compaffed me:
they haue fette their eies to bend them ^c)vnto the earth.

¹⁴ They haue taken me as a lion readie to the pray:
and as a lions whelp dwelling in hid places.

¹⁵ Arife Lord, ^d)preuent him, and fupplant him:
deliuer my foule from the impious, ^e)thy fword, ¹⁶ from
the enemies of thy hand.

Lord from ^f)a few out of the land diuide them, ^g)in
their life: their bellie is filled of ^h)thy secretes.

They are filled with children: and they haue leaft
their remnantes to their litle ones.

¹⁷ But ⁱ)I in iuftice shal appeare to thy fight: I shal
be ^j)filled when thy glorie shal appeare?

ANNOTATIONS

1 The prayer of Dauid.) This Pfalme of the matter con-
teyned is called a prayer. VVhich holie Dauid fo compofed, as was
both conuenient for himfelfe, being molefted with vniuft afflictions
by the wicked, and for anie other iuft perfon, or the whole Church
in perfecution, feruing as a fpiritual fword to ftrike the enimies,
and as a fhield to beare of with patience and fortitude al their
forces.

This Pfalme called
a Praier is both a
fword & buckler in
afflictio.

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- ^a From their cruel and furious countenance.
^b They haue shut out al pitie or commiferation.
^c They intend vtterly to deftroy me euen to the ground.
^d Except God preuent, mā's induftry is not fufficiēt.
^e Reftraine their powre, which they haue by thy permiffion, that
they may not perfecute fo much as they intend.
^f This is a prophecy, that the wicked which are many, shal at the
day of iudgement be feparated from the elect,
^g which iudgement beginneth fometimes in this life.
^h The pleafures of this world, which God approueth not, nor ac-
knowledgeth amongft good thinges.
ⁱ The iuft shal be approued.
^j Nothing doth fatiate mans mind, but the fight of God in eternal
glorie.