

Psalme 17

King Dauids thanks to God for his often deliuerie from great dangers, firft in general, 9. then more particularly describeth Gods terrible maner of fighting for him, 18. againft his cruel, and otherwife potent enimies: 22. attributing the fame to Gods good pleafure, and iuftice of his caufe, 31. praiſeth God, 33. his only protector, 41. and deprefſer of his enemies.

Dauid fingularly protected by God.
The 8. key.

Vnto ^athe end, ^bto the feruant of our Lord Dauid, who ſpake to our Lord the wordes of this canticle, in the day, that our Lord deliuered him out of the hand of al his enemies, and out of the hand of ^cSaul, and he ſaid: (*2. Reg. 22.*)

Heb. 2. **I** wil ^dloue thee ô Lord ^emy ſtrength: ³ Our Lord is my firmament, and my refuge, and my deliuerie. ⁴ My God is my helper, and I wil hope in him. My protectour and the ^fhorne of my ſaluation, and my receiuer.

⁵ Praying I wil inuocate our Lord: and I ſhal be ſaued from mine enemies.

⁶ The ^gſorrowes of ^hdeath haue compaffed me: and ⁱtorrentes of iniquitie haue trubled me.

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- ^a Though literally this Pfalme perteyned to Dauid, yet in figure of Chrift: and of the Church, or euerie iuſt foule.
 - ^b The Holie Ghoſt inſpired Dauid to render theſe thanks for his often deliuerie from dangers.
 - ^c Saul is ſpecially named becauſe he was his moſt potent worldlie enimie.
 - ^d Theſe firſt wordes (as alſo diuers others) are added, and many changed in this and other Pfalmes by the Septuagint, who often leauing the Hebrew text render the ſenſe, and ſo this agreeth in ſubſtance with the ſame Pfalme recorded *2. Reg. 22.*
 - ^e By whom I am ſtrong.
 - ^f High & firme ſaluation.
 - ^g This is aptly applied to al mankind after his fal, declaring our ſtate in finne, and inducing to penance, in the office of Maſſe on Septuageſima funday.
 - ^h Mortal fleſh ſubiect to death.
 - ⁱ Violent incurſions of tentations to finne.

7 The forrowes of ^a)hel haue compaffed me: the
^b)fnares of death haue preuented me.

8 In my tribulation I haue inuocated our Lord, and
haue ^c)cried to my God:

And ^d)he hath heard my voice from his holie tem-
ple: and my crie in his fight, hath entered into his eares.

9 The earth was shaken & trembled: the fundations
of mountaines were trubled, and were moued, ^e)becaufe
he was wrath with them.

10 ^f)Smoke arofe in his wrath: and fire flamed vp
from his face: coles were kindled from him.

11 He ^g)bowed the heauens, and defcended: and
^h)darkeneffe vnder his feete.

12 And he ⁱ)afcended vpon the cherubs, and flew:
he flew vpon the wings of windes.

13 And he put darkeneffe his ^j)couert, his taberna-
cle is round about him: darkefome water in the cloudes
of the aire.

14 Becaufe of the ^k)brightneffe in his fight the cloudes
paffed, hayle and coles of fire.

^a Exceeding great afflictions of mind, like to torments of hel, which I
alfo feare.

^b Secrete tentations haue deceiued me.

^c Earneft prayer is the beft remedie in al tribulations.

^d As it is certaine the God heard Dauids prayers; fo he affuredly
heareth al that fincerly flee vnto him.

^e Gods anger againft finne maketh high and loftie thinges to shake,
euen the moft obftinate prefumptuous finners.

^f Diuine wrath is like to fmoke of the nofethrles, or flaming fire, and
burning coles.

^g Gods punishment fometimes cometh fo fwiftly, as if the heauens
bowed towards the earth.

^h Gods furie is as a darke defolate night, or horrible mift.

ⁱ Yet whē finners repēt God moft fpeedely, as fleing with winges of
mercie, comforteth & protecteth them.

^j God being in him felfe incōprehensible, is alfo fecret in his deter-
minations, and couert in his procedinges or actes.

^k Gods fplēdor oppreffing māns fenfe, yet inſtructeth him by his
meruelous vvorkes. VVhich myftically fignifieth, that Chrift il-
luminateth the vvorld by his Apoftles, and other preachers de-
nouncing his iuftice, peace, and his vvil in al thinges perteyning
to man.

15 And our Lord thundered from heauen, and the Higheft goue his voice: haile and coles of fire.

16 And he shot his arrowes, and diffipated them: he multiplied lightnings, and trubled them.

17 And the fountaynes of waters appeared, and the foundations of the world were reueled.

At thy rebuke ô Lord, at the blaft of the fpirit of thy wrath.

18 He fent from on high, and tooke me: and he receiued me out of manie ^{a)}waters.

19 He deliuered me ^{b)}from my moft ftrong enemies, and from them that hated me: becaufe they were made ftrong ouer me.

20 They preuented me in the day of mine affliction: and our Lord was made my protectour.

21 And he brought me out into largeneffe: he faued me, becaufe he ^{c)}would me.

22 And our Lord wil reward me according to my iuftice, and according to the purity of my handes he wil reward me.

23 Becaufe I haue kept the waies of our Lord, neither haue I done impioufly from my God.

24 Becaufe al his iudgementes are in my fight: and his iuftices I haue not repelled from me.

25 And I shal be immaculate ^{d)}with him; and shal keepe me from mine iniquitie.

26 ^{e)}And our Lord wil reward me according to my iuftice: and according to the puritie of my handes in the fight of his eies.

27 With the holie thou shalt be holie, and with the innocent man thou shalt be innocent.

28 And with the elect thou shalt be elect: and with the peruerfe thou shalt be peruerted.

So in the reft of this Pſalme the Prophet ſpeaketh for moſt part in proper termes, vvithout Metaphores or other figures. Yet in the myſtical ſenſe of Chriſt, and Chriſtians.

^a From tribulations.

^b From Saul, Abſolō, Moabites, Ammonites, and al temporal and ſpiritual enemies.

^c Of his good pleaſure without my defertes.

^d By his grace.

^e He repeteth the 21. verſe, inculcating that God wil render to euerie one as they deferue.

29 Because thou wilt faue the humble people: and the eies of the proud thou wilt humble.

30 Because thou doft illuminate my lampe ô Lord: my God illuminate my darkeneffe.

31 Because in thee I shal be deliuered from tentation, and in my God I shal ^{a)}goe ouer the wal.

32 My God his ^{b)}way is vnpolluted: the wordes of our Lord are examined by fire: he is protector of al that hope in him.

33 For ^{c)}who is God but our Lord? or who is God but our God?

34 God that girded me with ftrength: and made my way immaculate.

35 That perfited my feete as it were of hartes: and fetting me vpon high thinges.

36 That teacheth my handes to battel: and haft put mine armes, ^{d)}as a bow of braffe.

37 And haft geuen me the protection of thy faluation: and thy right hand hath receiued me:

And thy discipline hath corrected me vnto the end: and thy difcipline the fame shal teach me.

38 Thou haft enlarged my pafes vnder me: and my fteppes are not weakened:

39 I wil purfew myne enemies, and ouertake them: and wil not returne til they faile.

40 I wil breake them, neither shal they be able to fstand: they shal fal vnder my feete.

41 And thou haft girded me with ftrength to battel: and haft fupplanted them that rife againft me vnder me.

42 And ^{e)}myne enemies thou haft geuen me their backe, and them that hate me thou haft deftroyed.

43 They cried, neither was there that would faue them, to our Lord; neither did he heare them.

^a Paffe ouer al difficulties.

^b Gods pecepts.

^c One only God, Creator and Sauour of al.

^d Amongft other actes, Daud killed a lion, and a beare, & Goliath. *1. Reg. 17.*

^e As God geueth ftrength to his feruãts, fo he diminisheth the natural ftreingth and corage of his enemies.

44 And I wil breake them to powder, as the duft before the face of winde: as the duft of the ftreates I wil deftroy them.

45 Thou wilt deliuer me from the contradictions of the people: thou wilt appoynte me to be head of the Gentiles.

46 A people, ^{a)}which I knew not, hath ferued me: in the hearing of the eare it hath obeyed me.

47 The ^{b)}children being alienes haue lyed to me, the children alienes are inueterated, and haue halted from their pathes.

48 Our Lord liueth, and bleffed be my God, and the God of my faluation be exalted.

49 Ô God ^{c)}which geueft me reuenges, & fubdeweft peoples vnder me, my deliuerer from mine angrie enemies.

50 And from them that rife vp againft me thou wilt exalt me: from the vniuft man thou wilt deliuer me.

2. Reg. 22.
Rom. 15.

51 Therefore wil I confefte to thee among nations ô Lord: and wil fay ^{d)}a pfalme to thy name,

52 Magnifying the faluations of his king, and doing mercie to his Chrift Dauid, and to his feede for euer.

^a Conuerfion of Gentiles to Chrift, as the Moabites, Idumeans, and others were fubdued by Dauid. *1. Par. 11. 14. 18. 19. 20.*

^b The reuolting and reprobation of the Iewes prefigured by Abfoloms rebellion, and others. *2. Reg. 15. 16.*

^c God ftill protecteth the Church of Chrift, as he preferued Dauid.

^d Vfe of Pfalmes is moft frequent in the Church of Gentiles. See the *Proemial Annotations. Page. ???*