

Psalme 24

A general prayer of the faithful againſt al enemies, 4. with defire to be directed in the way of godlines, 7. and to be pardoned for finnes paſt, 9. acknowledging Gods meeknes, 17. our weaknes, neceſſitie of helpe, and hope in God: 22. concludeth with prayer for the whole Church.

A prayer of the faithful.

The 7. key.

Vnto ^athe end, the Pfalme of Dauid.

To thee ô Lord I haue lifted vp ^bmy foule: ² my God in thee is my confidence, let me ^cnot be ashamed:

³ Neither let mine enemies ſcorne me: for al ^dthat expect thee, ſhal not be confounded.

⁴ ^eLet al be confounded that do vniuft things in vayne. Lord ſhew me thy wayes: and teach me thy pathes.

⁵ Direct me ^fin thy truth, and teach me: becauſe thou art God my Sauour, and thee haue I expected ^gal the day.

⁶ Remember ô Lord thy commiferations, and thy mercies: that are from the beginning of the world.

⁷ The finnes ^hof my youth, and ⁱmy ignorances doe not remember.

According to thy mercie remember thou me: for thy goodneſſe ô Lord.

^a This Pfalme perteyneth more properly to the new Teſtament. And is artificially compoſed: the verſes beginnig with diſtinct letters in order of the Hebrew Alphabet, to the laſt verſe.

^b My mind, to be attētiue.

^c Not be fruſtrate of my petition.

^d That patiently expect the time when God wil affiſt.

^e This maner of praying is frequent in the Pfalmes, ſignifying as a prophecie, that ſo it wil come to paſſe and the conformitie of the iuſt to Gods iuſtice.

^f In true faith and religion.

^g Al our life we muſt defire more and more knowlege of true doctrin.

^h From the firſt vſe of reaſon, at which time manie are careles,

ⁱ & negligent to lerne how to ſerue God.

8 Our Lord is ^a)fweete, and ^b)righteous: for this
caufe he wil geue a law to them that finne in the way.

9 He wil direct the milde in iudgement: he wil teach
the meeke his wayes.

10 Al the wayes of our Lord, be ^c)mercie and ^d)truth,
to them that feeke after his ^e)testament and his ^f)teftimonies.

11 For thy name ô Lord thou wilt be propitious to
my finne: for ^g)it is much.

12 Who is the man that ^h)feareth our Lord? he
ⁱ)appoynteth him a law in the way, that he hath chofen.

13 His foule ^j)shal abide in good things: and ^k)his
feede shal inherite the land.

14 Our Lord is ^l)a firmament to them that feare him:
& ^m)his teftament that it may be made manifect to them.

15 Myne eies are alwayes to our Lord: becaufe he
wil plucke my feete out of the fnare.

16 Haue respect to me, and haue mercie on me:
becaufe I am ⁿ)alone and poore.

17 The tribulations of my hart are multiplied: deli-
uer me from ^o)my neceffities.

18 See my ^p)humiliation, and my labour: and ^q)forgeue
al my finnes.

^a As God is fweete in geuing good motions:

^b fo he is feure to them that refift his grace.

^c God mercifully preuenteth with his grace:

^d and iuftly rewardeth good workes.

^e Gods law is his couenant with man:

^f and teftimonie of his wil.

^g Sinne in respect of auerfion from God is great & nedeth his grace.

^h He that feareth God which is the beginning of wifdome, receiue
fiue fpiritual commodities here mentioned:

ⁱ 1. God inftucteth him by his law:

^j 2. beftoweth al neceffaries vpon him:

^k 3. others shal imitate his good example:

^l 4. God wil protect him:

^m 5. according to Gods couenant he shal enioy the manifect fight of
God for his eternal reward.

ⁿ Mans weaknes without Gods helpe.

^o Tribulatiōs can not be auoided, but muft neceffarily be fuffered:
therefore ô God geue vs grace to paffe through them without finne.

^p Myn affliction.

^q Take away the caufe and affliction wil be mitigated.

- Ioan. 15.* 19 Behold mine enemies, becaufe they are multiplied, and with ^{a)}vniuft hatred hated me.
- 20 Keepe my foule, and deliuer me: I shal ^{b)}not be ashamed, becaufe I hoped in thee.
- 21 The innocent and righteous haue cleaued to me: becaufe I expected thee.
- 22 ^{c)}Deliuer Ifrael ô God, out of al his tribulations.

^a Wicked men of hatred do endeouour to draw others into finne.

^b Thofe that hope in God shal neuer be confounded.

^c Al the letters of the Alphebet being complete in this Pfalme, this laft verfe beginneth with *Pere, Redeeme*, praying God to redeme and deliuer Ifrael, that is, the whole Church from tribulations.