

Psalme 25

*Dauid in banishment among the Philistines, trusteth in the iustice of his cause, 9. and prayeth God earnestly to deliuer him, that he may with more freedom and commodity serue him as he desireth.*

Dauids prayer distressed in persecution. The 8. key.

Vnto <sup>a)</sup>the end the Pfalme of Dauid.

**I**udge <sup>b)</sup>me ô Lord because I haue walked in my innocencie: and hoping in our Lord I shal not be weakened.

<sup>2 c)</sup>Proue me Lord, and tempt me: burne my reynes and my hart.

<sup>3</sup> Because thy mercie is before mine eies: and I am wel pleased in thy truth.

<sup>4</sup> I <sup>d)</sup>haue not fitten with the council of vanitie: and with them that doe vniust things I wil not enter in.

<sup>5</sup> I <sup>e)</sup>haue hated the Church of the malignant: and with the impious I wil not fitte.

<sup>6</sup> I <sup>e)</sup>wil wash my handes among innocentes: <sup>f)</sup>and wil compasse thy altar ô Lord:

<sup>a</sup> This Pfalme is also a conuenient prayer for anie Christian in tribulation.

<sup>b</sup> Be thou ô God arbiter of the cause betwen Saul and me, thou knowest myn innocencie in this behalfe, though I am vniustly charged by Saul, and his freindes.

<sup>c</sup> Left perhaps I be not so innocent as I desire, and as in respect of Saul I hope that I am, do thou Ô God proue me as thou wilt by tribulations.

<sup>d</sup> Dauid in confidence of a good conscience, and zeale against the wicked, alleageth his sincere proceeding, more then ordinarie men may do, God so inspiring him extraordinarily.

<sup>e</sup> The rest of this Pfalme euerie Priest reciteth in Masse, before he offer the holie Sacrifice, professing, & putting him selfe in memorie, that he must only communicate with the innocent, or of pure conscience;

<sup>f</sup> and so approach to the Altar. prefigured *Leuit. 16. v. 4.*

7 That I <sup>a</sup>)may heare the voice of praife, and <sup>b</sup>)shew forth al thy meruelous workes.

8 Lord I haue loued <sup>c</sup>)the beautie of thy houfe, and the place of <sup>d</sup>)the habitation of thy glorie.

9 <sup>e</sup>)Defstroy not ô God my foule with the impious, and my life with bloudie men.

10 In whofe <sup>f</sup>)handes are iniquities: their <sup>g</sup>)righthand is replenished with giftes.

11 But <sup>h</sup>)I haue walked in mine innocencie: <sup>i</sup>)redeme me, and haue mercie on me.

12 My <sup>j</sup>)foote hath ftood in the direct way: in <sup>k</sup>)the Churches I wil bleffe thee ô Lord.

## ANNOTATIONS

5 I haue hated the Church of the malignant.) Holie Dauid forced by reafon of perfecution to dwel amongft Infidels the Philiftians, after he had twife fpared king Saules life (*1. Reg. 24. v. 5. et c. 26. v. 9.*) lamented (*v. 19.*) how great affliction it was to him, *to be caft out, that he could not dwell in the inheritance of our Lord* (where God was rightly ferued) and that his enemies

A fingular great afflictio to be hindered from Gods true feruice.

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- <sup>a</sup> Shutting the eares of my hart from euil and vaine thoughtes I wil attend to godlie infpirations,
- <sup>b</sup> and fo with mental prayer, and external voice (as the holie order of this facred office requireth) praife thee ô God in thy meruelous workes.
- <sup>c</sup> I can not but fingularly loue the excellencie of this place dedicated to thy feruice: where is true faith, vnitie, and charitie of thy people, the guard of holie Angels, the adminiftratiõ of facred myfteries, affiftance of the Holie Ghoft, real prefence of Chrift our Lord, al replenished with Diuine maieftie.
- <sup>d</sup> This reprefenteth vnto me the glorious heauenlie kingdom of God and al Sainctes.
- <sup>e</sup> Suffer me not therfore to be contaminate by the wicked, nor to be deuoured with them.
- <sup>f</sup> They are ftill readie to committe more and more iniquities.
- <sup>g</sup> Themfelues being corrupted, endeuour by giftes of worldly commodities to corrupt others.
- <sup>h</sup> Euerie one ought fo to purge his confcience, that he may be innocent, or free from great finne.
- <sup>i</sup> Deliuer me from this neceffitie of dwelling among the wicked.
- <sup>j</sup> I intend to walke right.
- <sup>k</sup> I defire to praife thee amongft thy true faithful feruantes.

had done so much as in them lay, to make him fall into idolatry, by their fact, as it were saying: *Goe serue strange goddesses.*

Neuertheles his zeale was such that (as he here professeth) *he hated the Church of the malignant:* that is, the congregations of all miscreants: & his immaculate religious puritie was so perfect, that he would not so much as in external shew, conforme his actions to theirs, in matters of religion, nor yield his bodelie preference in their conuenticles: but said: *With the impious I will not fitt.* Instructing vs Christians (for the word *to the end*, in the title sheweth that this Psalm perteyneth also to vs) that we must both *hate the Church or congregations of the malignant*, to witte, of Painims, Iewes, Turkes, and Heretikes, and *not fitt*, nor personally be present with them in the exercise of their false pretended religions.

Christians must  
abhorre, and  
abstaine from  
all conuenticles  
of Heretikes and  
other Infidels.