

Psalme 26

*Dauid being in great distresse through perfecution, and hauing affured confidence in God, describeth the great securitie of Gods protection, 7. sheweth the fame experienced in him self, 12. prayeth for continuance therof, 13. and incorageth his owne foule, in hope of life eu-erlasting, to perfeuer in vertue.*

An other confi-  
dent prayer of  
Dauid in tribu-  
lation.  
The 3. key.

The Pfalme of Dauid <sup>a)</sup>before he was annoynted.

**O**ur Lord is <sup>b)</sup>my illumination, and <sup>c)</sup>my saluation, <sup>d)</sup>whom shal I feare?  
Our Lord is the protectour of my life, of whom shal I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> Whiles the harmful approach vpon me, to eate my flesh. Mine enemies that truble me, them felues are weakened and are fallen.

<sup>3</sup> If campes stand together againft me, my hart shal not feare.

If battel rise vp againft me, in this wil I hope.

<sup>4</sup> One thing I haue asked of our Lord, this wil I seeke for, that I <sup>e)</sup>may dwel in the house of our Lord al the dayes of my life.

That I may see the pleafentnes of our Lord, and vifite his temple.

<sup>5</sup> Because he hath <sup>f)</sup>hid me in his tabernacle: in the day of euils he hath protected me, in <sup>g)</sup>the secreete of his tabernacle.

<sup>a</sup> Before his fecond annoynting, as is probable. *2. Reg. 2.*

<sup>b</sup> Againft ignorance God illuminateth his feruantes.

<sup>c</sup> Againft infirmitie he geueth strenght.

<sup>d</sup> So he nedeth not to feare anie mans malice, futeltie, nor force. *Luc. 21. v. 15.*

<sup>e</sup> How fpecial a benefite Dauid eftemed it to be in the Catholique Church the only true house of God!

<sup>f</sup> Albeit the fpiritual or carnal enemie feke to ouerthrow me, yet I am feure in the Catholique Church.

<sup>g</sup> God either fuffereth not the enemie to find his feruant,

6 In <sup>a</sup>a rocke he hath exalted me: and now he hath  
<sup>b</sup>exalted my head ouer mine enemies.

I <sup>c</sup>haue gone round about, and haue immolated in  
his tabernacle an hoft of iubilation: I <sup>d</sup>wil fing, and fay  
a Pfalme to our Lord.

7 Heare ô Lord my voice, wherwith I haue cried to  
thee: haue mercie on me, and heare me.

8 My <sup>e</sup>hart hath fayd to thee, my face hath fought  
thee out: <sup>f</sup>thy face ô Lord I wil feeke.

9 Turne <sup>g</sup>not away thy face from me: <sup>h</sup>decline not  
in wrath from thy feruant.

Be <sup>i</sup>thou my helper: forfake me not, neither defpife  
me ô God my Sauour.

10 Because <sup>j</sup>my father and my mother haue forfaken  
me: but our Lord hath taken me.

11 Geue me <sup>k</sup>a law ô Lord in thy way: <sup>l</sup>and direct  
me in the right path, becaufe of mine enemies.

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<sup>a</sup> or not to be able to hurt him fpiritually.

<sup>b</sup> Whē a martyr of confeffour dieth, then he getteth the victorie  
againft the perfecutors.

<sup>c</sup> Diligently recounting al thy benefites, I render thankes by facrifice  
and praife,

<sup>d</sup> not only in hart, but alfo finging with loud voice and inſtrument.

<sup>e</sup> In my inward fincere cogitation I defire, and feeke that I may fee  
thee,

<sup>f</sup> face to face. *1. Cor. 13. v. 12.*

<sup>g</sup> In the meane time ô Lord, grant me thy fauour,

<sup>h</sup> leaue me not though thou be angrie with me.

<sup>i</sup> He ſpeaketh in the perſon of orphanes.

<sup>j</sup> Though carnal parentes forfake the iuſt man in tribulation, yet  
God hath then moſt ſpecial care of him.

<sup>k</sup> Eſtabliſh my hart in thy law.

<sup>l</sup> Conferue me in the right way, which thou haſt already taught  
me, and it is the more neceſſarie, becaufe myne enemies labour to  
peruert me.

<sup>12</sup> Deliuer me not into <sup>a</sup>)the foules of them that trouble me: becaufe <sup>b</sup>)vniuft witneffes haue rifen vp againft me, and iniquity hath lyed <sup>c</sup>)to itfelfe.

<sup>13</sup> I <sup>d</sup>)beleue to fee the good things of our Lord, in the land of the liuing.

*Pfal. 30.* <sup>14</sup> <sup>e</sup>)Expect our Lord, doe manfully: and <sup>f</sup>)let thy hart take courage, and <sup>g</sup>)expect thou our Lord.

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<sup>a</sup> The willes.

<sup>b</sup> Falfe witneffes accused Daudid, others accused Chrift: *Mat. 16.* others do ftill accuse the iuft. *Mat. 5.*

<sup>c</sup> The wicked pleafe themfelues in lying, but the chief hurt finally turneth vpon themfelues.

<sup>d</sup> The prophet and al iuft men are comforted by God, and hope of reward in heauen.

<sup>e</sup> The iuft exhorteth his owne foule to patience,

<sup>f</sup> fortitude,

<sup>g</sup> and longanimitie.