

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 soule, 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 ^{a)}before he was annoynted.

Our Lord is ^{b)}my illumination, and ^{c)}my saluation, ^{d)}whom shal I feare?
Our Lord is the protectour of my life, of whom shal I be afraid?

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

³ If campes stand together against me, my hart shal not feare.

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

⁴ One thing I haue asked of our Lord, this wil I seeke for, that I ^{e)}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.

⁵ Because he hath ^{f)}hid me in his tabernacle: in the day of euils he hath protected me, in ^{g)}the secreete of his tabernacle.

^a Before his second annointing, as is probable. *2. Reg. 2.*

^b Against ignorance God illuminateth his seruantes.

^c Against infirmitie he geueth strenght.

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

^e How special a benefite Dauid esteemed it to be in the Catholique Church the only true house of God!

^f Albeit the spiritual or carnal enemy seke to ouerthrow me, yet I am secure in the Catholique Church.

^g God either suffereth not the enemy to find his seruant,

⁶ In ^a)a rocke he hath exalted me: and now he hath
^b)exalted my head ouer mine enemies.

I ^c)haue gone round about, and haue immolated in
his tabernacle an hoft of iubilation: I ^d)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 ^e)hart hath fayd to thee, my face hath fought
thee out: ^f)thy face ô Lord I wil feeke.

⁹ Turne ^g)not away thy face from me: ^h)decline not
in wrath from thy feruant.

Be ⁱ)thou my helper: forfake me not, neither despife
me ô God my Sauour.

¹⁰ Because ^j)my father and my mother haue forfaken
me: but our Lord hath taken me.

¹¹ Geue me ^k)a law ô Lord in thy way: ^l)and direct
me in the right path, because of mine enemies.

^a or not to be able to hurt him fpiritually.

^b Whē a martyr of confeffour dieth, then he getteth the victorie
againft the perfecutors.

^c Diligently recounting al thy benefites, I render thankes by facrifice
and praife,

^d not only in hart, but alfo finging with loud voice and infrument.

^e In my inward fincere cogitation I defire, and feeke that I may fee
thee,

^f face to face. *1. Cor. 13. v. 12.*

^g In the meane time ô Lord, grant me thy fauour,

^h leaue me not though thou be angrie with me.

ⁱ He fpeaketh in the perfon of orphanes.

^j Though carnal parentes forfake the iuft man in tribulation, yet
God hath then moft fpecial care of him.

^k Eftablifh my hart in thy law.

^l Conferue me in the right way, which thou haft already taught
me, and it is the more neceffarie, because myne enemies labour to
peruert me.

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

¹³ I ^d)beleue to fee the good things of our Lord, in the land of the liuing.

Pfal. 30. ¹⁴ ^e)Expect our Lord, doe manfully: and ^f)let thy hart take courage, and ^g)expect thou our Lord.

^a The willes.

^b Falfc witneffes accused Daudid, others accused Chrift: *Mat. 16.* others do ftill accuse the iuft. *Mat. 5.*

^c The wicked pleafe themfelues in lying, but the chief hurt finally turneth vpon themfelues.

^d The prophet and al iuft men are comforted by God, and hope of reward in heauen.

^e The iuft exhorteth his owne foule to patience,

^f fortitude,

^g and longanimitie.