

Psalme 34

Dauid, in figure of Chrif, prophetically by way of inuocating Gods helpe, forsheweth his perfecution, and the iuft reuenge vpon his perfecutors, 9. with praife to God, 13. his charitie towards his cruel aduerfaries, 17. whom neuertheles God punisheth, 20. for pretending peace in wordes, and in fact perfecuting, 23. rendering to al as they deferue.

Chrifts perfecution.

The 5. key.

To ^{a)}Dauid himfelf.

Iudge ^{b)}ô Lord them that hurt me: ouerthrow them that impugne me.

² Take ^{c)}armour and ^{d)}shield: and rife vp to helpe me.

³ Bring forth the fword, and ^{e)}shut vp againft them, that perfecute me: fay to my foule: I am thy faluation.

⁴ Let them ^{f)}be confounded & ashamed, that feeke my foule.

Let them be turned backward, and be confounded that thinke euil againft me.

⁵ Be they made as duft before the face of the winde; and the angel of our Lord ftraictning them.

⁶ Let their way be made darkeneffe and flippernes: and the angel of our Lord purfewing them.

⁷ Becaufe they haue hid the deftruction of their fnare for me without caufe: in vaine haue they vpbayed my foule.

^a Dauid fignifieth beloued, defirable, or ftrong of hand, that is Chrif, aboue al beloued of God, defired of man, the ftrong conquerour of death and hel. *S. Auguftin in hunc locum.*

^b By way of imprecation he prophecietieth that God wil ouerthrow the perfecutors of Chrif, and of Chriftians.

^c Offenfue.

^d Defenfue.

^e Preoccupate and preuent the malice of the perfecutor.

^f Such a punishment and confufion shal fal in the end vpon al the malicious, after that the iuft shal haue ouercome tribulations.

⁸ Let the snare which he knoweth not, come on him; and the net, which he hath hid, catch him: and let him fall into the verie same snare.

⁹ But ^a)my foule shall reioyce in our Lord: and shall be delighted vpon ^b)his saluation.

¹⁰ All my bones shall say: Lord, who is like to thee? Deliuering the needie from the hand of them that are stronger then he: the needie and poore from them that spoile him.

¹¹ ^c)Vniuersall witnesses saying vpon, asked me things that ^d)I knew not.

¹² They repayed me euill things for good, ^e)sterilitie to my foule.

¹³ But I when they were troublesome to me, ^f)did put on cloth of heare.

I humbled my foule in fasting: and my prayer shall be turned into my benefite.

¹⁴ As a ^g)neighbour, as our brother, so did I please: as mourning and sorrowful so was I humbled.

¹⁵ And they ^h)reioyced against me, and came together: scourges were gathered together vpon me, and I was ⁱ)ignorant.

¹⁶ They were diffipated, and not compunct, they tempted me, they forned me with forning: they gnashed vpon me with their teeth.

^a In the time of trouble, in hope;

^b after deliuerie, in eternal saluation.

^c Such false witnesses did rise against Christ. *Mat. 26.*

^d Things that were not; for God himselfe, that knoweth all things knoweth not that which neither was, is, nor can be.

^e They made priuation of my life, verified in Christ, not in Dauid, for he was killed by his enemies.

^f All our Saviours life was penance for others, needing none for himselfe.

^g Christ the good Samaritane that releued the wounded man. *Luc. 10.*

^h All this was fulfilled according to the letter in our Saviours passion.

ⁱ Our Lord knoweth not any iust cause, why the Iewes so persecuted him, for they had no iust cause but meere malice.

17 Lord ^{a)}when wilt thou regard? ^{b)}reftore thou my foule from their malignitie, myne only one from the lions.

18 I wil confeffe to thee in ^{c)}the great Church, in a graue people I wil prayfe thee.

19 Let them not reioyce ouer me that are my aduerfaries vniuftly: ^{d)}that hate me without caufe, and twinckle with the eies.

20 Because they fpake in deede ^{e)}peaceably to me: and in the anger of the earth fpeaking they meant guiles.

21 And they ^{f)}opened their mouth awide vpon me: they faid: Wel, wel, our eies haue feene.

22 Thou haft fene ô Lord, keepe not filence: ^{g)}Lord depart not from me.

23 Arife and attend to my iudgement: my God, and my Lord vnto my caufe.

24 Iudge me according to thy iuftice ô Lord my God, and let them not reioyce ouer me.

25 Let them not fay in their hartes: Wel, wel, to our foule: neither let them fay: We haue deuoured him.

26 Let ^{h)}them blush and be afhamed together, that reioyce at my euils.

Let them be clothed with confufion and shame; that fpake great things vpon me.

27 Let ⁱ⁾them reioyce and be glad, that wil my iuftice: and let them fay alwayes: Our Lord be magnified, that wil the peace of his feruant.

^a As *Pfal. 21.* and *Mat. 27.* God why haft thou forfaken me? not deliuered me from temporal death, nor yelded me fuch confolation, as thou gaueft other Sainctes in their agonies?

^b A prophecie of Chrifts refurrection.

^c Prophecie of the Catholique Church. as *Pfal. 21.*

^d This place is applied by our Sauieur to himfelfe. *Ioan. 15.*

^e The Pharifes and Herodians faid: Mafter we know that thou art a true fpeaker &c. meaning to intrappe him with treafon. *Mat. 22.*

^f The fame Pharifes and Prieftes iudged him worthy of death, and procured the people to crie: Crucifie him, crucifie him.

^g Againe his Refurrection is prophecied.

^h At the day of iudgement the wicked shal receiue fentance of damnation,

ⁱ the bleffed of eternal glorie.

²⁸ And my tongue shal meditate thy iuftice, thy
prayfe al the day.