

Psalme 41

The feruent defire of the iuft, 6. much afflicted in this life, 12. and affured hope of eternal ioy.

Eternal glory.
The 10. key.

Vnto the end, vnderftanding to the fonnes of ^a)Core.

Euen as the harte ^b)defireth after the fountaines of waters: ^c)fo doth my foule defire after thee ô God.

³ My foule hath thirfted after God ^d)the ftrong liuing: ^e)when shal I come and appeare before the face of God?

⁴ My ^f)teares haue beene breades vnto me day and night: whiles it is faid to me dayly: ^g)Where is thy God?

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- ^a The fonnes of Core repented, and departed from their fathers fchifme, and fo efcaped miraculoffly the horrible pitte of damnation, into which their father and his complices fel. *Num. 26. v. 10.* By which example al feduced, and deceiued Chriftians are admonifhed, not to perfitt in fchifme or other finnes. And worldlie men, ambitious of honour be warned to defire & feke God aboue al thinges, firft of al the kingdome of heauen (to be liuing members of the Catholique Church) and the iuftice therof: to feke thinges which are aboue, not which are vpon the earth; left hel deuoure them, as it deuoured the complices of Core. *Num. 16. v. 31.*
- ^b A harte waxing old, and burdened with much heare, and great hornes, draweth a ferpent into his nofethrels, fo being infected with poyfon, defireth moft ardently to drinke, and afterwards cafteth his hornes, and heare, and becometh as it were yong againe.
- ^c With fuch feruent defire a true penitent, feeling him felfe infected with poyfon of finnes, feeketh the water of Gods grace.
- ^d God is omnipotent, and in dede the only true liuing God: diuels who are honored in idols, can do no more then God permitteth, and fo they can kil the foules, that confent vnto their tentations, but can not reftore fpiritual life againe.
- ^e The foule being iuftified, and ftill affaulted with new tentations defireth to be with God.
- ^f I haue had no other refection, but to lenifie my forow with weping.
- ^g The wicked exprobate the iuft, as though God would neuer helpe them, becaufe he fuffereth them to be fometimes long in tribulation.

⁵ Thefe things haue I remembred, and haue powred out my foule in me, becaufe I shal paffe into the place ^a)of a meruelous tabernacle, euen to the houfe of God.

In the voice of exultation, and confeffion: the found of one feafting.

⁶ Why ^b)art thou forowful my foule? and why doft thou truble me?

Hope in God, becaufe yet I ^c)wil confeffe to him: the faluation of my countenance, ⁷ and my God.

My foule is troubled toward my felfe; therefore wil I be mindful of thee from the land ^d)of Iordan, and Hermoniim from the litle mountaine.

⁸ Depth ^e)calleth on depth, in the voice of ^f)thy flould-gates. Al thy high thinges, and thy waues haue paffed ouer me.

⁹ In ^g)the day our Lord hath commanded his mercie: and ^h)in the night a fong of him.

With me ⁱ)is prayer to the God of my life: ¹⁰ I wil fay to God: Thou art my defender.

Why haft thou forgotten me? and why goe I forowful, whiles mine enemie afflicteth me?

¹¹ Whiles my bones are broken, mine enemies that truble me haue vpbrayded me:

^a King Dauid was not permitted to build the temple, much leffe did he enter into anie fuch meruelous tabernacle in his mortal life, but muft nedes be vnderftood, to fpeake here of the heauenlie tabernacle, prepared by Chrift for his feruants.

^b The prophet comforteth him felfe, or anie iuft foule, in the hope of euerlafting ioy.

^c I render thankes and praifes.

^d Al this life is like to the fmal ftraict place betwene Iordan and a litle hil called Hermoniim, but from this ftraictnes the hope of the iuft is, to be placed in heauen.

^e One tentation ftill fuccedeth an other:

^f and the fame fo great, as if God opened the gates, and fuffered them to ouerflow like fluddes of water.

^g But God helpeth in opportunitie, not fuffering his feruantes to be tempted aboue their ftreingth, geuing them fruit with tentations:

^h yea in the greateft tribulation, he geueth ordinarily moft comfort, making them fing fpiritually in hart, if not alfo in voice.

ⁱ One fpecial meanes to procure diuine confolation is prayer in diftreffe.

Whiles they fay to me day by day: Where is thy
God?

¹² Why art thou heauie ô my foule? & why doft
thou trouble me? ^a) Hope in God, becaufe yet I wil confesse
to him: the faluation of my countenance, and my God.

^a Stil the iuft foule taketh comforth in affured hope of faluation, the
eternal vifion of God.