

Psalme 45

The Church in perfecution acknowledgeth Gods perpetual defence, 5. making her therby more glorious, 10. sometimes granting rest (11. God himself checking the persecuters) and euer protecting her.

The Church prospereth also in perfecution. The 6. key.

Vnto ^{a)}the end, to the founnes of Core, for ^{b)}the secretes.

Our God is a refuge ^{c)}and strength: an ^{d)}helper in tribulations, which ^{e)}haue found vs exceedingly.

³ Therefore wil we ^{f)}not feare when ^{g)}the earth shall be trubled: and ^{h)}mountaines tranported into the hart of the fea.

⁴ Their waters haue founded, and were trubled: the mountaines were trubled in his strength.

⁵ The violence of the riuier ⁱ⁾maketh the citie of God ioyful: the Higheft hath sanctified his tabernacle.

^a Belonging to the Church of Chrifit.

^b As wel the caufe, vvhy God fuffereth his Church to be perfecuted, as his affured protection in difficulties, are hidden secretes to the world.

^c Al refuge is not fecure for one man is not able alwayes to defend an other: but God is a fure and ftrong refuge,

^d euer able and in conuenient time vviling to helpe.

^e This whole vvorld is ful of tribulations, but the Church fuffered the greateft in the firft perfecutions, & fhall fuffer as great in the time of Antichrift. Englifh Catholiques fuffer moft of al nations in this age, and can not be fuppreffed, but ftill increafe in number and fortitude.

^f Therefore al Catholiques may affuredly know, that the whole Church can not faile

^g though very manie, as now in England,

^h and very eminent perfons, as fome noblemen, and fome Prieftes haue reuolted, yet al vvil not.

ⁱ Such bad examples make the good to recollect themfelues more diligently, and to reioyce in Gods grace, by which they ftand faft.

⁶ God is in the middes therof, it shal not be moued:
God wil helpe it ^{a)}in the morning early.

⁷ Nations are trubled, and ^{b)}kingdomes are inclined:
he gaue ^{c)}his voice, the earth was moued.

⁸ The Lord of hoftes is with vs: the God of Iacob
is our defender.

⁹ Come ye, and see the workes of our Lord, what
wonders he hath put vpon the earth: ^{10 d)}taking away
warres euen vnto the end of the earth.

He shal deftroy bow, & breake weapons: and shields
he shal burne with fire.

^{11 e)}Be quiet, and see that I am God: I shal be
exalted among the gentiles, and I shal be exalted in the
earth.

¹² The Lord of hoftes is with vs: the God of Iacob
is our defender.

^a Before the heate of perfecution shal inuade al, for the elect the
dayes of tribulation are fhortned.

^b Sometimes one nation of kingdome rebelleth againft the Church,
but can not deftroy it.

^c By the spirite of Chrift, Antichrift, and al his members shal be
defstroyed.

^d The Church fometimes hath great peace, and tranquilitie.

^e God himfelfe refrayneth the wicked, fuddainly abating their furie,
or cutting of their forces.