

Psalme 53

*Dauid in diftreffe crieth to God for helpe, 6. confidently
trufing therein, 8. and promifing facrifice of thankfgeu-
ing.*

A praier in
diftreffe.
The 7. key.

Vnto ^{a)}the end, ^{b)}in fongs vnderftanding for Dauid
² when the Zipheites were come, and faid to Saul: ^{c)}Is
not Dauid hid with vs? (*1. Reg. 1. 23. & 26.*)

O God faue me ^{d)}in thy name: and in thy ftrength
^{e)}iudge me.

³ God heare my prayer with thine eares: receiue
the words of my mouth.

⁴ Befcaufe ^{f)}frägers haue rifen vp againft me, & the
ftrong haue fought my foule: and they haue not fet God
before their eies.

⁵ For ^{g)}behold God helpeth me: and our Lord is
the receiuer of my foule.

⁶ ^{h)}Turne away the euils to mine enimies: and in
ⁱ⁾thy truth deftroy them.

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- ^a Though hiftorically this Pfalme
 - ^b was fong by Dauid the author therof, shewing how he prayd in
danger, and rendered thanks for his deliuerie,
 - ^c when vpon notice geuen that he abode in the mountaines, Saul
ftraictly befeged him, with a great armie, but the Philiftims in-
uading the countrie, Saul was forced to leaue Dauid, and to turne
his forces againft them, *1. Reg. 23.* yet it perteyneth alfo literally
to al iuft men in diftreffe, efpecially to the Church of Chrift, pray-
ing in like dangers, and God by his like prouidence, deliuering his
feruantes in extremities.
 - ^d For the glorie of thy name.
 - ^e For the iuftnes of my caufe defend me.
 - ^f Barbarous highland men haue betraide the place of myne abode
to the perfecuters.
 - ^g But I feare them not, becaufe I am in Gods protection.
 - ^h A iuft prayer, that God wil turne intended mifchief, vpon the
deuifers heades,
 - ⁱ according to his promife, that he wil defend the innocent.

7 ^{a)}I wil voluntarily facrifice to thee, and ^{b)}wil confesse
to thy name ô Lord, becaufe it is good:

8 ^{c)}Becaufe thou haft deliuered me out of al tribu-
lation: and ^{d)}mine eie hath looked downe vpon mine
enimies.

^a Offering voluntarie facrifice, more then is commanded:

^b and praife thee ô God,

^c as I am bond.

^d I reioyce in thy iuft iudgements againft the wicked.