

Psalme 53

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

A praier in  
diftreffe.  
The 7. key.

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

**O** God faue me <sup>d)</sup>in thy name: and in thy ftrength  
<sup>e)</sup>iudge me.

<sup>3</sup> O God heare my prayer with thine eares: receiue  
the words of my mouth.

<sup>4</sup> Becaufe <sup>f)</sup>frâgers haue rifen vp againft me, & the  
ftrong haue fought my foule: and they haue not fet God  
before their eies.

<sup>5</sup> For <sup>g)</sup>behold God helpeth me: and our Lord is  
the receiuer of my foule.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>h)</sup>Turne away the euils to mine enimies: and in  
<sup>i)</sup>thy truth deftroy them.

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- <sup>a</sup> Though hiftorically this Pfalme
  - <sup>b</sup> was fong by Dauid the author therof, shewing how he prayd in  
danger, and rendered thanks for his deliuerie,
  - <sup>c</sup> 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 Chrif, pray-  
ing in like dangers, and God by his like prouidence, deliuering his  
feruantes in extremities.
  - <sup>d</sup> For the glorie of thy name.
  - <sup>e</sup> For the iuftnes of my caufe defend me.
  - <sup>f</sup> Barbarous highland men haue betraide the place of myne abode  
to the perfecuters.
  - <sup>g</sup> But I feare them not, becaufe I am in Gods protection.
  - <sup>h</sup> A iuft prayer, that God wil turne intended mifchief, vpon the  
deuifers heades,
  - <sup>i</sup> according to his promife, that he wil defend the innocent.

7 <sup>a)</sup>I wil voluntarily facrifice to thee, and <sup>b)</sup>wil confesse  
to thy name ô Lord, becaufe it is good:

8 <sup>c)</sup>Becaufe thou haft deliuered me out of al tribu-  
lation: and <sup>d)</sup>mine eie hath looked downe vpon mine  
enimies.

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<sup>a</sup> Offering voluntarie facrifice, more then is commanded:

<sup>b</sup> and praife thee ô God,

<sup>c</sup> as I am bond.

<sup>d</sup> I reioyce in thy iuft iudgements againft the wicked.