

Psalme 55

*Dauid being in danger before Achis king of Geth, confidently imploreth Gods helpe, againft the great malice and powre of his enimies; 8. foresheweth their ruine, his owne exaltation, 12. and offereth praifes and thankses.*

Dauids prayer  
in danger.  
The 8. key.

Vnto <sup>a</sup>the end, <sup>b</sup>for a people, that is made far from the Sainctes, Dauid in <sup>c</sup>the infcription of the title, <sup>d</sup>when the foreners held him in Geth. (*1. Reg. 12. v. 12.*)

**H**auē mercie on me ô God, becaufe <sup>e</sup>man hath troden vpon me: <sup>f</sup>al the day impugning he hath afflicted me.

<sup>3</sup> Myne enimies haue troden vpon me al the day: becaufe they are <sup>g</sup>manie that warre againft me.

<sup>4</sup> From <sup>h</sup>the height of the day I shal feare: <sup>i</sup>but I wil trust in thee.

<sup>5</sup> In God I wil praise <sup>j</sup>my wordes, in God haue I hoped: I wil not feare what flesh may do to me.

<sup>6</sup> Al the day did they <sup>k</sup>deteft my wordes; againft me, <sup>l</sup>al their cogitations are vnto euil.

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- <sup>a</sup> This Pfalme perteyneth alfo to future times,  
<sup>b</sup> for the vse of anie iust perfons, or people, that are againft their wil feperated from the publike diuine Seruice of holie Church:  
<sup>c</sup> moft worthie to be noted with title, for perpetual memorie,  
<sup>d</sup> made by Dauid when the Philiftims detected him to their king in Geth.  
<sup>e</sup> Now one fort of il difpofed men, now an other,  
<sup>f</sup> neuer ceafe to feeke my destruction.  
<sup>g</sup> Saul with his great armie, the Philiftimes, and other ftrangers, some in manifest hostilitie, others detecting and betraying me to myn aduerfaries. So al that liue godly in Chrift haue manie enimies vifible and inuifible.  
<sup>h</sup> Of thefe moft eminent great dangers I am in deede afeard,  
<sup>i</sup> but fo that my trust and affured confidence is in thee ô God.  
<sup>j</sup> Wordes and promifes made to me; or the good which I fpeake or do by Gods grace.  
<sup>k</sup> They calumniate whatfoeuer I fay,  
<sup>l</sup> wrefting al my wordes to euil fenfe.

7 They wil <sup>a</sup>)inhabite and keepe fecket: they wil obferue my heele.

8 As they haue expected <sup>b</sup>)my foule, <sup>9</sup> <sup>c</sup>)for nothing shalt thou faue them: <sup>d</sup>)in wrath thou wilt breake peoples.

O God, <sup>10</sup> I haue shewed my life to thee: thou haft fet my teares in thy fight.

As also in thy promife: <sup>11</sup> then shal mine enemies be turned backward.

In what day foeuer I shal inuocate thee: Loe I haue knowne that thou art my God.

<sup>12</sup> In God I wil praife <sup>e</sup>)the word, in our Lord wil I praife thee faying: I haue hoped in God, I wil not feare what man can do to me.

<sup>13</sup> In me, ô God, <sup>f</sup>)are thy vowes, which I wil render, praifes to thee.

<sup>14</sup> Because thou haft deliuered my foule from death, and my feete from falling: that I may <sup>g</sup>)please before God, in <sup>h</sup>)the light of the liuing.

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<sup>a</sup> They meete together, and feckretly confpire to intrappe me or catch me tripping.

<sup>b</sup> To take my life:

<sup>c</sup> for this their vaine purpofes to deftroy me, thou wilt faue them, as they deferue, that is,

<sup>d</sup> thou wilt breake them in peeces.

<sup>e</sup> I wil alwayes gratefully acknowlege thy promifes, and fayings, for they are affured.

<sup>f</sup> I haue purpofed and vowed to offer facrifice of praife, and by thy helpe wil performe it.

<sup>g</sup> Do that pleafeth God,

<sup>h</sup> in true faith and pious workes.