

Psalme 56

The Prophet prayeth in tribulation, 4. testifieth Gods helpe, 6. praiseth his greatnes: 8. promifing, and inuiting al nations to praise him.

Dauids great patience.
The 8. key.

Vnto ^athe end, ^bdeftroy not, to Dauid in ^cthe infcription of the title; ^dwhen he fled from the face of Saul into the caue.

Hauē mercie on me ô God, haue mercie on me: becaufe my foule hath trusted in thee.
And I wil hope in the shadow of thy winges, vntil iniquitie paffe.

³ I wil crie to God the higheft: God that hath done me good.

⁴ He fent ^efrom heauen, and deliuered me: he hath geuen into ^freproche them that trode vpon me.

God hath fent his mercie, and his truth, ⁵ and hath deliuered my ^gfoule out of the middes of ^hLions whelpes: I flept trubled.

The fonnes of men, their ⁱteeth are weapons and arrowes: and their ^jtongue a sharpe fword.

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- ^a The heroical facts of Dauid are for examples to al Chriftians.
 - ^b Innocent Dauid hauing opportunitie to kil his vniuft perfecutor, obeyed the motion of God, fuggefting vnto him, not to deftroy his enimie; contrarie to the counfel of his freindes:
 - ^c a thing moft worthie to be recorded for perpetual memorie,
 - ^d being in fo great and vniuft trouble, as to lye in the caue of a mountaine, yet fpared to kil, or hurt him, that driue him into fuch ftraictes. See the hiftorie *1. Reg. 24.*
 - ^e Extraordinarie diuine helpe, paffing mans powre.
 - ^f It fel reprochfully to Saul, that Dauid might haue flaine him if he would, yet did neither hurt him, nor infult vpon him, but meekely and pioufly admonished him of his error, and iniurious perfection.
 - ^g My life,
 - ^h from moft mightie and rauenous perfecutors.
 - ⁱ Though they haue not lions natural teeth, yet they exercife crueltie by artificial weapons,
 - ^j and with their cruel tongues incite their folowers to the fame furie. *1. Reg. 22. v. 16.*

⁶ Be exalted about the heauens ô God: and thy glorie vpon al the earth.

⁷ They prepared a fnare for my feete: and bowed downe my foule.

They ^a)digged a pit before my face: and they are falne into it.

⁸ My hart is readie ô God, my hart is readie: I wil fing, and fay ^b)a Pfalme.

⁹ Arife my glorie, arife pfalter and harpe: I wil arife early.

¹⁰ I wil confesse to thee among ^c)peoples ô Lord: and I wil fay a Pfalme to thee among the Gentiles.

¹¹ Because thy mercie is magnified euen to the heauens, and thy truth euen to the cloudes.

¹² Be exalted about the heauens ô God: and thy glorie vpon al the earth.

^a Saul endeoured manie wayes to ouerthrow Daud, amongft other meanes prouoked him to fette vpon the Philiftims, thincking they should haue flaine him, *1. Reg. 18. v. 17.* but the fame Philiftims ouerthrew Saul. *1. Reg. 31.*

^b Pfalmes more in vfe with Chriftian Gentils, then they were with the Iewes. See *page. 12.*

^c Gods benefites bestowed vpon Daud, and vpon faithful Chriftians prefigured by him, are for euer to be praied by al peoples and nations.