

Psalme 57

Holie Dauid inueigheth againft diffembling wicked men, 7. defcribeth their manifold punishment, 11. wherin the iuft ſhal be comforted.

Gods
prouidence in
fuffering euil.
The 3. key.

Vnto ^{a)}the end, ^{b)}deſtroy not, to Dauid in ^{c)}the infcription.

I f ^{d)}in very dede you ſpeake iuſtice: iudge right things ye fonnes of men.

³ For in ^{e)}the hart you worke iniquities: in the earth your ^{f)}handes forge iniuſtice.

⁴ ^{g)}Sinners are alienated from the matrice, they haue erred from the wombe: they haue ſpoken falſe thinges.

⁵ They haue furie according to the fimilitude of ^{h)}a ſerpent: as of the aſpe that is deafe, and ⁱ⁾ftoppeth his eares.

⁶ Which wil not heare the voice of the inchanters, and of the forcerer inchanting wifely.

⁷ God ſhal breake their ^{j)}teeth in their mouth, the ^{k)}cheeke tooth of the lions, our Lord wil breake in peeces.

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- ^a This Pfalme was made vpon the fame occaſion, and to the fame purpoſe as the former,
 - ^b to exhorte the iuſt and innocent to patience,
 - ^c by Dauids memorable example.
 - ^d Few are ſo wicked, but they ſpeake and pretend iuſt thinges:
 - ^e but neither thincke wel,
 - ^f nor do wel, but both contrarie, which feaned ſanctitie is duple iniquitie.
 - ^g Theſe wicked finners that flatter and incite king Saul, ſeme to haue ſpent al their life from their infancie in malice.
 - ^h Their furie is vnquiet, til they may wound the innocent with their poiſonful ftting,
 - ⁱ neither wil they harken to good admonitions, but ſtoppe their eares like an aſpe, that layeth one eare cloſe to the ground, and ſtoppeth the other with his taile.
 - ^j But God wil breake their cruel force,
 - ^k though it ſemeth moſt ſtrong, and infuperable.

⁸ They shal come to nothing as water running downe:
he hath ^a)bent his bow til they be weakened.

⁹ As ^b)waxe that melteth, shal they be taken away:
^c)fyre hath falne on them, and they haue not feene the
funne.

¹⁰ Before your ^d)thornes did vnderftand the old br-
yar: as liuing fo in wrath he swalloweth them.

¹¹ The iuft ^e)shal reioyce when he shal fee reuenge:
he shal wash his handes in the bloud of a finner.

¹² And man shal fay: If certes there be fruite to the
iuft: ^f)there is a God certes iudging them on the earth.

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- ^a Gods iuft determination of punishing the wicked ftill remaineth bent and readie, though execution be fome while differred.
- ^b That force and powre which is now inuincible, hard and ftrong like a lions ftrongeft teeth, shal then be as impotent and foft as waxe:
- ^c Gods wrath, like fire, the moft forcible element, shal fal vpon them, and they shal be caft into vtter darkenes, depriued of the funne and al comfortable light.
- ^d Before their malice can bring to effect, the great mifchieffes which they plotte and purpofe, God suddainly cutteth them of before they fully vnderftand of, either ficknes or death, cafteth them as it were aliuie into hel.
- ^e The iuft reioyce in the punishment of the wicked for three caufes, firft in zeale of iuftice, conforming his wil and mind to Gods iudgement; fecondly, for that himfelfe through Gods mercie hath efcaped that terrible damnation; thirdly, for that he is now deliuered from moleftation, and continual tribulation.
- ^f The iuft feing, or by faith knowing what punishment remaineth for the wicked, is therby affured that the good shal reape fruct for his wel doing, and that in the meane time God ruleth and iudgeth on the earth, though as yet it appeareth not fo euidently.