

Psalm 57

*Holie David inueigheth againft diffembling wicked men,
7. defcribeth their manifold punishment, 11. wherein the
iuft ſhal be comforted.*

Gods
prouidence in
fuffering euil.
The 3. key.

Vnto ^athe end, ^bdeſtroy not, to David in ^cthe
inſcription.

I f ^din very dede you ſpeake iuſtice: iudge right
thinges ye fonnes of men.

³ For in ^ethe hart you worke iniquities: in the earth
your ^fhandes forge iniuſtice.

⁴ ^gSinners 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 ^ha
ſerpent: as of the aſpe that is deafe, and ⁱftoppeth his
eares.

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

⁷ God ſhal breake their ^jteeth in their mouth, the
^kcheeke tooth of the lions, our Lord wil breake in peeces.

^a This Pfalme was made vpon the ſame occaſion, and to the ſame
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 ſting,

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 inſuperable.

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.

^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 fuddainly 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 iudge-
ment; fecondly, for that himfelfe through Gods mercie hath efaped
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.