Psalme 58

Holie Dauid (being befeeged in his owne house by men fent to kil him) confidently prayeth God to deliuer him, 6. and al faithful nations in like danger: 7. and praiseth God.

An other prayer of Dauid in danger.
The 8. key.

Vnto the end, deftroy not, to Dauid in the infcription of the title, a) when Saul fent, and watched his house to kil him. 1. Req. 19.

eliuer me from mine enimies ô my God: and from them that rife vp againft me defend me.

Beliuer me from them that worke iniquitie: and from bloudy men faue me.

- ⁴ Because loe they ^{b)}haue taken my soule: the strong haue falne violently vpon me.
- ⁵ Neyther is it mine iniquitie, nor my finne ô Lord: c)without iniquitie haue I runne, and gone directly.

^a King Saul hauing thrife attempted in vaine to kil Dauid, (1. Reg. 18. v. 11. & c. 19. v. 9.) fent fome of his guard to fetch him, from his owne houfe, that he might be flaine: but God moued the mind of Michol, to admonish him of the danger, and to helpe him away in faftie, though Saul thought she would haue bene a fcandal vnto him (or caufe of ruine) by the handes of the Philiftians. 1. Reg. 18. v. 21. Vpon which occasion Dauid made this Pfalme. As he also made others, for perpetual memorie of Gods like benefites, in deliuering him in iminent dangers, vvhen Saul fent three troupes of ferieants to kil him, and folowed them himselfe; 1. Reg. 19. v. 20. likewife vvhen he vvas knovven and bevvrayed before Achis king of Geth; 1. Reg. 21. also in Ceila, in the deferts of Ziph, and of Maon, c. 23. in Engaddi, c. 24. in Hachila, c. 26. and againe amongst the Philistians. c. 27. and 30.

^b They have fo ftraictly befeged me, that it is now in their handes, to take away my life.

^c Of my part I haue committed no fault againft myn enimies, for which they can haue anie iuft caufe to perfecute me.

⁶ Ryfe vp to meete me, and fee: and thou ô Lord the God of powres, God of Ifrael attend to vifite ^{a)}al nations: haue ^{b)}no mercie on al that worke iniquitie.

⁷ They wil returne ^{c)}at euening: and they shal fuffer famine ^{d)}as dogges, and shal compaffe the citie.

- ⁸ Behold they ^{e)}wil fpeake in their mouth, and a fworde in their lippes: ^{f)}becaufe who hath heard?
- ⁹ And thou ô Lord wilt fcorne them: thou wilt bring to naught al the nations.
- ¹⁰ I wil keepe my ftrength to thee: ^{g)}because thou art my receiuer: ¹¹ my God, thy mercie shal preuent.

¹² God wil shew vnto me concerning mine enimies, kil them not ^h)left fometime my peoples forgete.

Difperfe them in thy ftrength: and $^{i)}$ depofe them my protector $\hat{\mathrm{o}}$ Lord.

¹³ The finne of their mouth, the word of their lippes: and let them be taken in their pride.

And for j curfing and lying they shal be k talked of 14 in confummation: in wrath of confummation and they shal not be.

And they shal know that God wil rule ouer Iacob: and ouer the ends of the earth.

^a The prophet forefeing in fpirite, that the Catholique Church shal be vniuftly perfecuted, prayeth, and teacheth others to pray, that God wil mercifully vifite his faithful people of al nations:

b and not fpare obstinate perfecuters.

^c Perfecuters laboring how much, or how long foeuer, shal at night, that is, in the end of al their wicked endeuoures be vnfatisfied in their defires,

d as hungrie dogges that runne hunting al the day, & night alfo, ftil feeking & not finding wherwith to fil their rauenous mouthes and deuouring bellies.

^e They threaten and determine to vfe al crueltie.

f as if there were no God, that heareth, and wil punish it.

g Through Gods grace the Church is ftil ftrong and the vertuous do perfeuere.

^h God fuffereth afflictions to fal vpon his feruants to kepe them exercifed, left in profperitie they forgete their duties to him.

ⁱ Depriue them of powre, that they may not do fo much euil as they defire.

j After that their iniquitie is complete,

^k they shal be accurfed and punished for their blafphemies and lies.

¹⁵ They ^{a)}shal be turned at euening, and shal fuffer famine as dogges: and shal compaffe the citie.

¹⁶ They shal be ^b)difperfed to eate: and if they be not filled, they ^c)wil murmur alfo.

 $^{17}\,\mathrm{But}$ I wil fing thy ftrength: and wil exalt thy mercie in $^{\mathrm{d})}\mathrm{the}$ morning.

Because thou art become my receiuer, and my refuge, in the day of my tribulation.

My helper, I wil fing to thee, because thou art God my receiuer: my God, my mercie.

^a As v. 7.

^b They shal in vaine feeke oyle for their lampes with the foolish virgins, repent with Iudas, and finding no helpe,

^c fhal continually blafpheme in hel.

d In the refurrection.