

Psalme 67

Notwithstanding great persecutions the Church prospereth. The Church ftill
10. Especially in the new Testament, by Apoftolical func- conserued.
tion, 18. minifterie of Angels, Christs Ascension, coming The 6. key.
of the Holie Ghoft, 31. confirming the faithful, repressing
the infolent, and conuerting manie. 35. For al which the
prophet inuiteth al men to praife God.

Vnto the end, a Pfalme of Canticle, to Daudid himfelf.

Let ^{a)}God arife, and let his enimies be difperfed,
 and let them that hate him ^{b)}flee from his face.
 As fmoke vanifheth, let them vanifh away: as
 waxe melteth at the prefence of fire, fo let finners perifh
 at the prefence of God.

⁴ And ^{c)}let the iuft make merrie, and reioyce in the
 fight of God: and let them be delighted in mirth.

⁵ Sing to God, fay a Pfalme to his name: ^{d)}make
 way to him, who ^{e)}mounteth vpon the weft, ^{f)}Lord is his
 name.

Reioyce ye in his fyght, they fhall be trubled at the
 prefence of him: ⁶ the father of orphanes, and iudge of
 widowes.

God in his ^{g)}holie place: ⁷ God that maketh men
 to inhabite ^{h)}of one manner in a houfe.

^a In maner of praying that God wil vouchfafe to defend the Church,
 the Pfalmift prophecieth that God wil arife,
^b and the enimies fhall flee away, not daring to abide the combate.
^c As God is terrible to the wicked: fo he is comfortable to the iuft.
^d Refift not Gods infpiration, but receiue it with ioy and thanks.
^e Who triumpheth ouer death.
^f God is Lord, not only of thefe or thofe nations, countries or other
 creatures, but abfolutely and vniuerfally of al.
^g That is the true holie Church, which hath
^h vnitie in doctrin, touching faith and maners. *S. Cypr. ep. 76.*

That bringeth forth them, ^{a)}that be bound, in strength,
likewise them, that ^{b)}exasperate, that dwell ^{c)}in sepulch-
chers.

⁸ O God ^{d)}when thou wentest forth in the fight of
thy people, when thou didst passe through the desert.

⁹ The earth was moued, and the heauens also distilled,
at the presence of the God of Sina, at the face of the God
of Ifrael.

¹⁰ ^{e)}Voluntarie rayne shalt thou seperat ^o God to
thine inheritance: and it was ^{f)}weakned, but thou hast
perfited it.

¹¹ Thy ^{g)}liuing creatures shal dwell in it: thou hast
prepared ^{h)}in thy swetnes for the poore, ^o God.

¹² Our Lord shal geue ⁱ⁾the word to them that eu-
angelize, ^{j)}with great powre.

¹³ The ^{k)}king of hoastes the beloued of the beloued:
and ^{l)}to the beautie of the house, to diuide the spoiles.

^a That be bond in sinne.

^b Euen rebellious willes are altered by Gods mercie, and freely embrace his law.

^c Also the dead and drie hartes that cared not for spiritual thinges, are softened, and quickned with new grace.

^d The benefites bestowed on the Ifraelites, are written in the bookes of Moyfes, Iosue, and Iudges.

^e Not mans deseruing, but Gods mere good wil, and free grace caused Christ to come, and by himselfe and his Apostles to preach the Euangelical doctrin, which watereth the whole world.

^f God chose the weake, but made them strong.

^g Those whom thou hast chosen, and so made thyn owne peculiar people, shal enjoy this grace.

^h Thou gauest Manna in the desert, the B. Sacrament in the new Testament.

ⁱ God geueth to the preacher what to speake,

^j and to some he geueth also powre to worke miracles, in confirmation of their doctrin. *Mar. 16.*

^k Some potent king, or (as it is in the Hebrew) kinges being beloued, of the beloued of God, the only Sonne of God, shal yeld themselues to the same beloued Sonne of God:

^l which shal redound to the glorie and beautie of his Church, gaying such spiritual prayes from the diuel.

14 If ye ^{a)}fleepe among the middest of the lottes, the wings of a doue layde ouer with filuer, and the hinder parts of her backe in the palenes of gold.

15 Whiles ^{b)}the heauenlie difcerneth kings ouer her, ^{c)}with snow they shal be made white in Selmon.

16 ^{d)}The mountane of God a fat mountane.

17 A mountane ^{e)}crudded as cheefe, a ^{f)}fatte mountane: 18 ^{g)}why ^{h)}fuppofe you crudded mountanes?

A mountane, in which it hath wel pleased God to dwel therin: for in dede our Lord wil dwel euen to the end.

19 The ⁱ⁾chariote of God is ten thousand folde, thousandes of them that reioyce, our Lord in them, ^{j)}in Sina in the holie place.

^a If you be in such danger, that the aduerfaries cast dice, or lottes for your persons, and goodes, yet you shal be deliuered, as if a doue, with her glistering fethers, like filuer and gold, flie away into a secure place, without losse or diminution, but rather with increafe of vertues.

^b VVhen the heauenlie king determineth thus of earthlie kinges, ^c they shal be purged from their finnes, and made white like snow, that falleth in mount Selmon, which is a shadowed hil, thicke with trees, in mount Ephraim nere to Iordan.

^d The Church of God is visible, and durable like to a mountane.

^e Combined, or ioyned together, as when milke is turned into curde, and so into cheefe.

^f Fruictful, enriched by spirital giftes of the Holie Ghoft.

^g Ye that are not of this Church, do in vaine and erroneoufly imagine, that anie other mountaines are vnited.

^h Innumerable Angels minifters of Gods wil, do continually attend vpon his Diuine Maieftie, as if he (who otherwife nedeth no seruice) were caried by them, as in a chariote of infinite magnificence. *Dan. 7.*

ⁱ So God appeared in Maieftie, when he gaue his law in mount Sinai.

Ephes. 4.

20 Thou art ^a)ascended on hygh, thou ^b)haft taken captiuitie: thou ^c)haft receiued gifts in men: for euen those ^d)that do not beleue, our Lord God to inhabite.

21 Bleffed be our Lord day by day: the God of our saluations wil make vs a prosperous iourney.

22 Our God is the God of fauing: and ^e)the iffues of death are of our Lord, our Lord.

23 But yet God ^f)ftil breake the heads of his enimies: the hearie croune of them, that walke in their finnes.

24 Our Lord faid: Out ^g)of Bafan I wil conuert, I wil conuert ^h)into the depth of the fea.

ex inimi-
cis ab ipso 25 That thy foote ⁱ)may be dipped in bloude: the tongue of thy dogges [*made redde*] with the fame [*bloud*] of the enimies.

26 They ^j)haue feene thy entrings in ô God, the entrings of my God: of my King Who is ^k)in the holie place.

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- ^a Chrift ascended with innumerable Angels attending vpon him,
^b caried with him the fathers of the old Testament, that had benne captiue,
^c as man he receiued giftes of God, in and for men, his faithful seruantes,
^d yea also he receiued for his merite, that innumerable, which before were incredulous, were conuerted, and God dwelt in their foules.
^e Our Lord, I say, our Lord, and none but he could ouercome death by dying.
^f Though Chrift died to deliuer al men from death, yet he wil geue capital fentence of eternal death to al that obftinately remaine his enimies, and multiplie finnes vpon finnes, to the end of their temporal life.
^g Euen of the rudeft barbarous nations, manie fhall be conuerted to Chriftianitie.
^h Namely Gods grace is extended into the Ilandes of the Ocean, and other feas.
ⁱ But fuch feeuere flaugter fhall fall vpon the obftinate contemners of this grace, that mens feete fhall be defiled in their bloud, and dogges fhall lappe it.
^j Manie haue fene, or knowen in general, but the faithful more exactly know how Chrift came into this world, his conuerfation therein, and his going forth:
^k his reigning now in heauen our Mediatour, by whom al other interceffors haue acceffe to God.

27 ^{a)}Princes came before ^{b)}ioyned with them that fang, in the middes of ^{c)}young wemen plaing on tymbrels.

28 In ^{d)}churches bleffe ye God our Lord, of ^{e)}the fountains of Ifrael.

29 There ^{f)}Beniamin a youngman, in exceffe of minde.

The ^{g)}Princes of Iuda: their leaders: the Princes of Zabulon, the Princes of Nephthali.

30 Command thy ftrength ô God: ^{h)}confirme this ô God, which thou haft wrought in vs.

31 From thy temple in Ierufalem, kinges shal offer giftes to thee.

32 Rebuke ⁱ⁾the wilde beafts of the reede, the congregation ^{j)}of bulles in the kine of thy peoples: ^{k)}that they may exclude them, which are tried with filuer.

Diffipate the nations that wil warres: ³³ Legates shal come ^{l)}out of Ægypt: Æthiopia shal prevent his handes to God.

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- ^a The Apoftles fowing the firft feede of Euangelical doctrin,
^b with whom other Apoftolical men,
^c and other foules of al nations conuerted by their preaching, moft ioyfully fing together in hart, voice, and infrument: efpecially in good workes, fhew their grateful affections to our Redeemer.
^d And al this in the particular Churches of diuers Kingdomes, and partes of the world:
^e beginning with the Ifraelites in Ierufalem, and fo proceeding into al Iurie, and Samaria, and to the vtmoft of the earth. *Act. 1.*
^f S. Paul of Iacobs yongest fonne Beniamin, laft called to Apoftleship, was chiefly fent to the Gentiles.
^g Other Apoftles of diuers tribes fent firft to the Iewes, fecondarily to Gentiles.
^h As the Church begane by the omnipotent powre of God; fo by the fame only powre it is conferued.
ⁱ Chaftice therfore ô God, al perfecuters of thy Church, who are but as weake wauering reedes, in comparifon of thy powre:
^j no better then bulles, with kyne, that is, captaines and popular people,
^k endeuoring to alienate the conftant proued confeffors from their faith.
^l A prophecie that manie should be conuerted to Chrift in Ægypt, and Æthiopia: as appeareth by the innumerable multitude of religious Monkes, & Nunnes in thofe countries, fhortly after the Apoftles dayes.

34 Ye kingdomes ^{a)}of the earth sing to God: sing to our Lord:

35 Sing ye to God, that mounteth vpon the heauen of heauen, to the Eaft.

Behold he wil giue to his voice ^{b)}the voice of ftrength,
36 giue you glorie to God vpon Ifrael, his magnificence, and his powre in the cloudes.

37 God is meruelous in his Saintes, the God of Ifrael he wil giue powre, and ftrength to his people, God be bleffed.

ANNOTATIONS

16 The mountaine of God.) For better difcerning the true Church from other congregations, the Prophet here describeth certaine properties therof, for he calleth it a mountane, becaufe it is moft vifible to al men. Secondly a fatte mountaine, that is, replenifhed vvith al vertues, and giftes of the Holie Ghof, vvherof it is called Holie. Thirdly it is crudded, or confolidated in vnitie of faith and Religion, vvwhich conioyne the vvhole bodie, making it folide and firme, as the ruen turneth the liquide milke into curde, and fo into cheefe. Fourtly, it is the Congregation, vvherin God alvvayes remaneth, euen to the end, for euer; vvwhich fheveth tvvo other properties; that the Church neuer faileth; nor erreth in doctrin: God ftill dveling therin, and confequently conferueth it from error in doctrin.

18 VVhy fuppose you crudded montaines?) As for other congregations, it is certaine and euident, that they are not the Church of God, becaufe they are not crudded, that is, not vnited, in the fame pointes of faith, but only in negatiue pointes, and in general oppofition againft the Catholique Church, and among themfelues notorioufly difagreing and diuided. As they alfo vvant the other markes of the true Church.

Markes of the Church:

Vifibilitie.

Sanctitie.

Vnitie.

Perpetuities.

Affured verities.

No other pretended Church hath the marke of vnitie or the reft.

^a The like afterwards in al other nations, whom therefore the prophet inuiteth to praife God, for fo ineftimable benefites in the whole world.

^b Chrif will come to iudge, in terrour of voice, and vvith magnificence, accompanied vvith holie Angels and other Saintes.