

Psalme 68

Christ in middes of afflictions (as one in dangerous waters) 5. describing the malice of persecutors, and his owne true zeale, 14. prayeth his heauenlie Father for helpe. 23. By way of iuft imprecation, forsheweth the feure punishment of his aduerfaries, 30. his owne glorious Refurrection, and prosperous building of his Church. For which he inuiteth al creatures to praife God.

Christs afflictions and victorie.
The 5. key.

Vnto ^{a)}the end, ^{b)}for them that shal be changed, ^{c)}to Daud.

S auer me ô God: becaufe ^{d)}waters are entered into my foule.

^{e)}I ofticke fast in the myre of the depth: and there is no fure ftanding.

I am come into the depth of the sea: and a tempest hath ouerwhelmed me.

^{f)}I haue labored crying, my iawes are made hoarfe: my eies haue failed, whiles I hope in my God.

Ioan. 15.

^{g)}They are multiplied about the heares of my head, that hate me without cause.

Mine enimies are made strong, that haue persecuted me vniustly: ^{h)}then did I pay the thinges that I tooke not.

^a Perteyning to the new Testament,

^b for Gentiles conuerted to Christianitie, and from vice to vertue,

^c prefigured in Daud.

^d Vehement afflictions inuiron my hart.

^e I am as one intangled vvith quickefand, or quadmyre in the bottom of a great vvater.

^f Our Lord fvveat bloud for anguifh in his prayer, and vvas not deliuered from his Paffion, neither are his feruantes prefently deliuered from tribulations, but as is moft to Gods honour and their ovvne good.

^g Our Sauour who had no finne, payde the ranfom for al finnes.

⁶ O God thou knowest my ^a)foolishnes: and ^b)mine offences are not hide from thee.

⁷ ^c)Let them not be ashamed vpon me, which expect thee ô Lord, Lord of hoftes.

Let them not be confounded vpon me that seeke thee, ô God of Ifrael.

⁸ Because for thee haue I fuftained reproch, confufion hath couered my face.

⁹ I am become a forener to my brethren, and a franger to the fonnes of my mother.

Ioan. 2. ¹⁰ Because ^d)the zele of thy houfe hath eaten me:
Rom. 15. and the reproches of them that reproched thee, fel vpon me.

¹¹ And I couered my foule in fasting: and it ^e)was made a reproch to me.

And I put heare cloth aganft my garment, & became a parable to them.

¹² They fpake aganft me ^f)that fat in the gate; and they foong aganft me that dranke wine.

¹³ But I, ^g)my prayer to thee ô Lord: a time of thy good pleafure ô God.

In ^h)the multitude of thy mercie heare me, in the truth of thy faluation:

¹⁴ Deliuer me out of the myre, that I ftick not faft: deliuer me from them that hate me, and from the depthes of ⁱ)waters.

^a O God thou knowest, that this vvich femeth follie to vvorldlie men, is true vvifdom;

^b and though men charge me vvith offences, thou knowest that I am innocent.

^c Suffer not the weake to be scandalized in my paffions.

^d The zele of seeking Gods honour, in propagating and aduancing his Church, is the caufe of perfecution. As vve see thofe are leffe perfecuted, vvich haue leffe godlie zele.

^e The vvicked do reproch thofe that mortifie themfelues.

^f The great men and iudges, alfo the drunkards and rafcalitie of the people.

^g But I direct my prayer to thee,

^h expecting the time of thy good pleafure.

ⁱ Tribulations.

¹⁵ Let not the tempeft of water drowne me, nor the depth fwallowe me: ^a)neyther let the pit shut his mouth vpon me.

¹⁶ Heare me ô Lord becaufe thy mercie is benigne: according to the multitude of thy commiferations haue refpect to me.

¹⁷ And turne not away thy face from thy feruant: becaufe I am in tribulation, heare me fpeedily.

¹⁸ Attend to my foule and deliuer it: ^b)becaufe of mine enimies deliuer me.

¹⁹ Thou knoweft my reproch, & my confufion, & my shame.

²⁰ In thy fight are al they that afflict me, my hart hath looked for reproch and miferie.

And I expected fome bodie that would be forie together with me, and there ^c)was none: and that would comfort me, and I founde not.

Mat. 27. ²¹ And they gaue ^d)gal for my meate: & in my
Ioan. 19. thirft they gaue me vinegre to drinke.

Rom. 11. ²² ^e)Let their table be made a fnare before them, & for retributions, and for a fcandal.

²³ Let ^f)their eies be darkned that they fee not: and make ^g)their backe crooked alwaies.

²⁴ Poure out thy wrath vpon them: and let the furie of thy wrath ouertake them.

^a Though Chrift died and vvas buried, and in foule defcended into hel, yet he could not be holden in his fepulchre, nor in limbo, but rofe againe.

^b That they may either be conuerted, or confounded, and fo do no more hurt.

^c Not anie that could mitigate our Sauours affliction, vvould fhev compaffion tovwards him.

^d But contrarivvife vvhen he complained of thirft, they gaue him gal and vinegre to drinke.

^e A prophecie of the deftruction of the Ievves, at the time of Pafch, vvhen they fhould thinke to eate their pafchal lamb vvith ioy.

^f They are alfo blinde in hart, that they vvil not fee the truth of Chrifts doctrine:

^g but bovv themfelues to earthlie thinges, and vvorldlie gaines euen to this day.

Act. 1. 25 Let their habitation be made defert: and in
their tabernacles let there be none to dwel.

 26 Because ^{a)}whom thou haft ftriken, they haue
perfecuted: and vpon the forrow of my wounds they
haue added.

 27 Adde thou ^{b)}iniquitie vpon their iniquitie: and
let them not enter into thy iuftice.

 28 ^{c)}Let them be put out of the booke of the liuing:
and with the iuft let them not be written.

 I ^{d)}am poore and forowful: ^{e)}thy faluation ô God
hath receiued me.

 29 I wil praife the name of God with canticle: and
wil magnifie him in prayfe.

 30 And ^{f)}it shal please God more then a young calfe:
that bringeth forth hornes and hoofes.

 31 Let the poore fee and reioyce: seeke ye God, and
your foule shal liue.

 32 Because our Lord hath heard the poore: and he
hath not despifed ^{g)}his prifoners.

 33 Let ^{h)}the heauens and earth praife him, the fea,
and al the creeping beaftes in them.

 34 ⁱ⁾Because God wil faue Sion: and ^{j)}the cities of
Iuda shal be built vp.

^a Chrif, vvhom God of this mercie defigned to fuffer death, for redemption of mankind, the Ievves of mere enuie and malice perfecuted to death.

^b A prophecie that God would fuffer them, to fal from one iniquitie to an other.

^c In the end of their liues, they fhall not be found in the booke of life, vvhether they fuppofe themfelues to be vwritten.

^d The voice of Chrif, humbling himfelfe to death, euen to death of the Croffe:

^e from which he rofe againe.

^f Deuout praife and thankefgeuing please God more then facrifices of the moft tender calues, which vvere othervvife alfo grateful facrifices.

^g God doth affuredly comfort al fuch, as are imprifoned for profefing the truth.

^h Al the creatures of God.

ⁱ God wil alvvayes eftablifh and protect the Catholique Church:

^j and particular Churches, members of the vniuerfal fhall alfo prosper.

And they shal inhabite there, & by inheritance they shal get it.

³⁵ And ^athe feede of his seruants shal possesse it, and they that loue his name shal dwel in it.

^a Perpetual succession of the Catholique Church.