

Psalme 71

By way of prayer the Pfalmift prophecieth Chrifts coming, our King and Iudge: 4. the deliuerer of mankind from the thraldom of the diuel. 8. The greatnes of his fpiritual kingdom in the Gentiles, 16. and his continual glorie and praife.

Chrift our King
& Iudge.
The 5. key.

Concerning ^{a)}Salomon.

O God giue thy iudgement to ^{b)}the king: and thy iuftice to ^{c)}the fonne of the king.
To iudge thy people in ^{d)}iuftice, and thy poore in iudgement.

³ Let ^{e)}the mountains receiue peace for the people: and ^{f)}the litle hilles iuftice.

⁴ He ^{g)}shal iudge the poore of the people, and shal faue the children of the poore: and he shal humble the calumniator.

⁵ And he shal ^{h)}continew with the funne, and before the moone in generation and generation.

⁶ He ⁱ⁾shal defcend as rayne vpon a fleece: and as droppes diftilling vpon the earth.

^a This Pfalme is of Chrifft, perfigured by Salomon, whose kingdom was moft glorious of al the kinges of Gods people; for of king Salomon himfelfe manie thinges in this Pfalme can not be truly vnderftood. *S. Aug.*

^b O God moft bleffed Trinitie, geue powre and authoritie, to the Sonne of Man, God incarnate, King of al kinges,

^c the Sonne of king Daud, to iudge for mankind againft the diuel.

^d Chrifft paying ranfom for al mankind, and fo man renouncing the diuel, and feruing God is iuftly, not iniurioufly deliuered from captiuitie of finne, and of the diuel.

^e A prophecie of the Apoftles receiuing powre to preach Chrifts Gofpel, of peace and reconciliation of men to God by penance;

^f and of other Apoftolical men that folow their fteppes.

^g Salomon in figure of Chrifft was for a time a iuft and good king.

^h But only Chrifft, not Salomon, nor anie other king of that people, contineweth, or reigneth for euer.

ⁱ The maner of Chrifts Incarnation moft filent, fwete, and grateful.

7 There shall rife in his dayes iustice, and abundance of peace, ^a)vntil the moone be taken away.

8 And he shall rule ^b)from fea vnto fea: and from the riuer euen to the ends of the round world.

Ifaia. 60. 9 Before him shall the Æthiopians fall downe: and his enimies shall lick the earth.

Mat. 2. 10 The ^c)kinges of Tharfis, and ^d)the Ilands shall offer presentes: the kings of the Arabians, and of Saba shall bring giftes.

11 And all kinges of the earth shall adore him: all nations shall ferue him.

12 Because he shall deliuer the poore from the mightie: and the poore which had no helper.

13 He shall spare the poore and needy: and he shall faue the foules of the poore.

14 From vfuries and iniquitie he shall redeme their foules: and their name shall be honorable before him.

15 And ^e)he shall liue, and there shall be giuen him of the gold of Arabia, and they shall adore it alwaies: all the day they shall bleffe him.

16 And there shall be a firmament in the earth, in the toppes of mountanes, the fruite thereof shall be extolled farre aboute Libanus: and they shall flourish of the citie, as the graffe of the earth.

17 Be his name bleffed for euer: before the funne his name is permanent.

^a Againe the prophet inculcateth that Christs kingdom, his Church, shall continue for euer.

^b The Church is not only vniuersal in all times, but also in places.

^c The three Sages or Kings, which adored our Sauiour, and offered gold, frankincense, and myrrh, were the first that fulfilled this prophesie: and afterwards Constantine the great, and other Emperors, Kings, and Princes.

^d Amongst other Ilandes great Brittain (the greatest of Europe) was converted to Christ, according to this prophesie: first some few in the Apostles time (*Metaphrastes apud Surium, Theodoret, epist. ad Timoth. Sophronius, Ser. de Nat. Apost. & alij.*) More in the time of Eleutherius. Lastly our English nation by S. Augustin and others sent by S. Gregorie.

^e How is this prophesie verified, except the Church be alwaies visible?

And al the tribes of the earth shal be bleffed in him: al nations shal magnifie him.

¹⁸ Bleffed be our Lord the God of Ifrael, ^{a)}who only doth meruelous thinges.

¹⁹ And bleffed by the name of his maieftie for euer: and al the earth shal be filled with his maieftie. ^{b)}Be it, be it.

²⁰ ^{c)}The praifes of Daud, ^{d)}the fonne of Ieffie are ended.

^a No miracles can be donne but by Gods powre.

^b Aboue al other defires the holie prophet wifhed Gods glorie, and praifes in al the earth, as it is in heauen.

^c It femeth by this appendix added by Efdras, that this Pfalme was laft compofed, though not put in the laft place, but as it came to his handes.

^d Daud the natural fonne of Ieffe, made no more Hymnes, that is, no more mufical praifes of God after this Pfalme, but the prefigured Daud Chrift our Sauour, the Sonne of God, in his bodie the Church, fingeth ftil new praifes. *S. Aug. in enarrat. Pfal. fequintis. 72.*