

Psalme 72

The royal prophet, firft profeffing the vnſpeakable goodnes of God, 2. in the perſon of the weake complaineth, that the wicked proſper, and the iuſt are afflicted: 15. reprehendeth the murmuration, for though we can not comprehend the ſecrete iudgements of God, 18. yet they are moſt iuſt. 25. So with deſire to reſt in God, he promiſeth euer to praife him.

Affliction in this world is recompensed in the end.
The 9. key.

A Pfalme ^{a)}to Afaph.

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How ^{b)}good is God to Iſrael, to them, that are of a right hart!

² But ^{c)}my feete were almoſt moued, my ſteppes almoſt flipped.

³ Becauſe I haue had zeale vpon the wicked, feing the peace of finners.

⁴ Becauſe there is ^{d)}no reſpect to their death: and ^{e)}ftabilitie in their plague.

⁵ In ^{f)}the labours of men they are not, and with men they ſhal not be ſcourged.

⁶ Therefore ^{g)}hath pride helde them, they are couered with their iniquitie and impietie.

⁷ Their iniquitie hath proceeded as it were of fatte: they haue paſſed into ^{h)}the affection of the hart.

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- ^a To be ſonged by Afaph the maſter of muſike, and his companie.
 - ^b God is ſo excellent good, as no tongue can expreſſe, no hart can conceiue.
 - ^c The peace and proſperitie of the wicked tempted me, to leaue the right narrow way, and to goe the brode eaſie way with them.
 - ^d They neuer thincke of death;
 - ^e and if they ſuffer ſome affliction, they quickly remoue it from them.
 - ^f They trauel not ſo much as good men do, neither are they ſo often puniſhed.
 - ^g Which maketh them proud, and ſo they runne into al fortes of iniquitie.
 - ^h Whatſoeuer miſchief came into their mind, they feared not to committe it in fact.

8 They haue thought, and haue fpoken wickednes they haue fpoken iniquitie ^{a)}on high.

9 They haue fette their mouth vnto heauen: and their tongue hath paffed in the earth.

10 Therefore wil my people ^{b)}returne here: and ^{c)}ful daies shal be found in them.

11 And they haue faide: ^{d)}How doth God know, and is there knowledge in the higheft?

12 Loe the finners them felues, and they that abounde in the world, haue obtained riches.

13 And I faide: Then haue I iuftified my hart without caufe, and haue washed my handes amongft innocentes:

14 And haue bene fcourged al the day, and my chaftifing in the morninges.

15 If I faide: I wil fpeake this: Behold ^{e)}I reprovued the nation of thy children.

16 I ^{f)}thought to know this thing, it is labour before me:

17 Vntil I may enter into the fanctuarie of God: and may vnderftand concerning their latter endes.

18 But yet ^{g)}for guiles thou haft put it to them: thou haft caft them downe whiles they ^{h)}were eleuated.

19 How are they brought into defolation, they haue failed fodanely: they haue perished for their iniquitie.

^a Boldly extolling their owne wordes and workes, and despifing others.

^b For this prosperitie of the wicked, fome of Gods people wil fall from the right way,

^c and their dayes wil abound with calamities.

^d The voice of the weake, inclining to diffidence, and doubt of Gods knowlege, and prouidence.

^e The prophet in his owne perfon anfwereth, that if he should fay fuch things, he should reprove Gods children, as faultie, vnwor-thie of his protection, and to be neglected; wheras it is Gods prouidence to chaftice his children whom he loueth.

^f In this life we can not know the particular caufes, why the iuft are afflicted, and manie wicked prosper in this world.

^g But only in general we are taught, that euils are prepared for the guiles, or deceptes,

^h pride, and other finnes of the wicked.

20 As the dreame of them that rife ô Lord, in thy citie thou shalt bring their ^a)image to nothing.

21 Because my hart is ^b)inflamed, and my reynes are changed:

22 And I am brought to nothing, and knew not.

23 As ^c)a beaft am I become with thee: and I ^d)alwaies with thee.

24 Thou haft helde my right hand: and in thy wil thou haft conducted me, and with glorie thou haft receiued me.

25 For what is to me ^e)in heauen? and besides thee what would I vpon the earth?

26 My ^f)flesh hath fainted, and my hart: God of my hart, and God my portion for euer.

27 For behold, they ^g)that make them felues farre from thee, shal perish: thou ^h)haft deftroyed al, that fornicate from thee.

28 But it is good for me to cleaue to God: to put my hope in our Lord God:

That I may shew forth al thy prayfes, in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

^a Not real but imaginarie felicitie.

^b Almost burned vp with afflictions.

^c Charged with heauie burdens, without knowlege how long, or to what end,

^d yet not deftitute of thy protection.

^e Nothing to be defired in heauen, nor in earth but God.

^f In bodie and mind I thirft after thee, my true inheritance.

^g Men by their freewil make themfelues enimies to God,

^h determined their damnation, forfeing their final finnes.