

Psalme 81

The Prophet declareth, 2. that God reprehendeth vniust Iudges and Magiftrates: premonisheth them of his feuere & eternal punishment: 8. wherto the prophet conforming his wil prayeth for the fame.

Admonition to Magiftrates. The 7. key.

A Pfalme to Afaph.

God ftood in the affemblie ^{a)}of goddes, and in the middes he ^{b)}iudgeth goddes.
²How long iudge ye iniquitie: and accept ye the perfons of finners.

³Iudge ye for the needie and the pupil: iuftifie ye the humble, and the poore.

⁴Take away the poore: and deliuer the needie from the hand of the finner.

⁵They ^{d)}knew not, neither did they vnderftand, they walke in darkeneffe: ^{e)}al the foundations of the earth shal be moued.

⁶I faide: You are ^{f)}goddes, and the fonnes of the higheft al.

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- ^a The wordes of the prophet, admonifhing al magiftrates, that when they fitte in iudgement, or determine anie caufe, God who is there, and euerie where prefent,
^b attendeth their proceffe: and therefore it behoueth them to be aduifed what they doe: euen as if they heard God fpeaking as here foloweth:
^c The wordes of God, though not vttered fenfibly, yet in effect intimated by his law, according wherto he wil procede in iudgement againft vniust Iudges.
^d Such iudges procede in groffe ignorance, not caring to vnderftand, but content to walke in darknes.
^e Ye are fo euil difpofed, that you would turne al vpfide downe, iuftifying the wicked, and condemning the iuft.
^f For your office which you participate of me, you are certaine goddes vpon earth:

Sap. 6. 7 ^{a)}But you shal die as men: and fal ^{b)}as one of
the princes.

 8 ^{c)}Arife ô God, iudge the earth: ^{d)}becaufe thou
shalt inherite in al the Gentiles.

^a but when you die you shal find that you are men, fubiect to Gods
iudgement:

^b yea your punishment wil be greuous, and importable: for the
mightie shal mightely fuffer torments.

^c Againe the wordes of the prophet praying God,

^d that feeing he is Lord of al he wil iudge al.