

Psalme 83

Deuout persons feruently desire eternal glorie, 6. accounting it, in the meane time, a happie ftate to be in the militant Church, 12. where God firft geuing grace, wil geue glorie in the triumphant.

Eternal glorie.
The 10. key.

Vnto the end, ^{a)}for wine preffes, to ^{b)}the children of Core, a Pfalme.

How beloued are ^{c)}thy tabernacles ô Lord of hoaftes! ³ my foule coueteth, and ^{d)}fainteth vnto the courtes of our Lord.

My hart, and ^{e)}my flesh haue reioyced toward the liuing God.

⁴ For ^{f)}the sparow alfo hath found her an houfe: and ^{g)}the turtledoue a neft for her felfe, where she may lay her young ones.

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- ^a For men afflicted in this vale of miferie.
 - ^b By the children of Core not being muficians (but potters in the temple, *1. Par. 26.*) S. Auguftin here and in other titles of Pfalmes, vnderftandeth the faithful children of Chrifit.
 - ^c The glorious manfions in heauen, which God hath prepared for the iuft.
 - ^d Vehement defires do fometimes deprue vs of external fenfe.
 - ^e The mind reioycing in hope, the bodie is alfo recreated, releued, and reuiued, which before was dulle and heaueie.
 - ^f As sparowes by natural inftinct feeking habitations, finde houfes to dwel in,
 - ^g and turtles haue neftes, wherin to lay their young ones: fo faithful foules feeke to dwel in heauen, and in the meane time to lay vp good workes within the Catholique Church; out of which (fayth *S. Auguftin in this place*) how good foeuer workes do feme (as when paganes, and heretikes feede the hungrie, cloth the naked, receiue ftrangers into their houfes, vifite the ficke, comforte prifoners) being not laid in the neft, *conculcabuntur, & conterentur: non feruabuntur, non custodientur*: they fhall be trodde vnder foote, they fhall be bruifed in peeces: they fhall not be conferued, they fhall not be kept: but (that fuch workes may be profitable and be conferued) they muft be donne in true faith, in the Catholique faith, in focietie of the vnitie of the Church.

Thine ^{a)}altars ô Lord of hoaftes: my King, and my God.

⁵ Bleffed are they, that dwel in ^{b)}thy houfe ô Lord: for euer and euer they shal praife thee.

⁶ Bleffed is the man, whose helpe is from thee: he ^{c)}hath difpofed ascension in his hart, ⁷ in ^{d)}the vaile of teares, in the place, which he hath appointed.

⁸ For ^{e)}the lawgeuer shal geue ^{f)}bleffing, they shal goe ^{g)}from vertue into vertue: ^{h)}the God of goddes shal be feene in Sion.

⁹ Lord God of hoaftes heare my prayer: receiue with thine eare ô God of Iacob.

¹⁰ Behold ô God our protectour: and ⁱ⁾looke vpon the face of thy Christ.

¹¹ Because ^{j)}better is one day in thy courtes, aboue thousandes.

I haue chofen to be ^{k)}an abiect in the houfe of my God: rather then to dwel ^{l)}in the tabernacles of finners.

^a VVorkes are good, and rightly laide vp when they are donne in vnitie, and participation of Gods Altares, the moft proper places of Diuine Seruice, of external Sacrifice in this life, and fpiritual facrifice of perfect praifes in eternal glorie; where al Sainctes without ceasing fing: Holie, holie, holie, Lord God of hoaftes. *Ifaiæ. 6. Apoc. 4.*

^b The Catholique Church.

^c The iuft by Gods grace and helpe, may refolue to ascend by fteppes and degrees, from vertue to vertue (*v. 8.*) euen to heauen,

^d though he be now in this vaile of teares, by reafon of mans finne, who otherwife was before finne in paradife, a place of delight.

^e Christ our lawgeuer,

^f geueth abundance of graces,

^g with continual increafe.

^h But our only omnipotent God, is to be feen by this effect of his grace, in the Church and not elfwhere.

ⁱ Agreeably to this the Church maketh al her petitions, concluding al prayers, By Christ our Lord.

^j In refpect of the future retribution, which euerie one fhall receiue according to their defertes, one day in Gods Church is better then thousandes out of it.

^k And better to be in the pooreft ftate of Catholique Christians,

^l then in greateft palaces or hieght dignities amongft finners.

¹² Because God ^{a)} loueth mercie and truth: our Lord wil geue ^{b)} grace, ^{c)} and glorie.

¹³ He wil not depriue them of good thinges, that ^{d)} walke in innocencie: ô Lord of hoaftes bleffed is the man, that hopeth in thee.

^a The Diuine wifdom fo vfeth mercie, and veritie, that neither may preiudice the other:

^b and fo geueth grace in this life,

^c and glorie in the next.

^d Befides innocencie conferued without finne, there is alfo innocencie after remiffion of finne, of which the prophet here fpeaketh.