

Psalme 87

A faithful person fore and long afflicted, lamentably complaineth, praying God, 15. not ftill to repel him, being leift defolate, 19. without al confolation of freindes.

A prayer in long affliction. The 7. key.

A Canticle of a Pfalme, to the children of Core, vnto the end, for ^a)Maheleth ^b)to anfwer, ^c)of vnderftanding to Eman the Ezrahite.

Ô Lord the God of my faluation: ^d)in the day haue I cried, and in the night before thee.
³)Let my prayer enter in thy fight: incline thine eare to my petition.

⁴ Because my foule is replenished with euils: and ^e)my life hath approached to hel.

⁵ I ^f)am accounted with them that defcend into the lake.

I am become as a man without helpe, ⁶ ^g)free among the dead, as the wounded fleeping in the fepulchres, of whom thou art mindful no more: and they are caft of from thy hand.

^a An instrument of mufike apt for lamentable fonges. Not expreffed in the title of anie other Pfalme. Perhaps becaufe this Pfalme mixeth not anie confolation with mourning, as other Pfalmes do, which are alfo prayers in affliction. As the *30. 53. 63. 73.*

^b Neither is this word in anie other title. It is added here to admonifh vs, that as this Pfalme, and fome others were fongue by two quires, one anfwering the other, fo we muft in anfwer and imitation of Chrift, fuffer long and great afflictions with patience, feing he in his paffion was leift without ordinarie cōfolation.

^c By fome interpreted (his bretheren) For Chrift (faith S. Auguftin) vouchsafeth to make them his bretheren, which vnderftand the myfterie of his Croffe, and not only are not afhamed therof, but alfo faithfully glorie therein.

^d I haue cried to thee very often both by day, and by night.

^e I am almoft dead.

^f Accounted as dead, and readie to be buried.

^g If I were dead, I fhould be free from thefe afflictions. Efpecially it agreeth to Chrift, who was free, yea of infinite powre amongst the dead.

7 They haue put me in ^a)the lower lake: in the darke places, and in the shadowe of death.

8 Thy ^b)furie is confirmed vpon me: and al thy waues thou haft brought in vpon me.

9 Thou haft made my familiars far from me: they haue put me abomination to themfelues.

I was deliuered and came not forth: ¹⁰ myne eies languished for pouertie.

I cried to thee ô Lord al the day: I ftretched out my handes to thee.

¹¹ Wilt thou ^c)doe meruels to the dead: or shal phificians raife to life, and they confesse to thee?

¹² Shal any ^d)in the fepulchre declare thy mercie, and thy truth in perdition?

¹³ Shal thy meruelous workes be knowne ^e)in darkenes: and thy iuftice in the land of obliuion.

¹⁴ And I ô Lord haue cried to thee: and in the morning shal my praier preuent thee.

¹⁵ Why doeft thou ô Lord reiect my prayer: turneft away thy face from me?

¹⁶ I am poore, and in labours ^f)from my youth: and being ^g)exalted, humbled, and troubled.

¹⁷ Thy wrathes haue paffed vpon me: and thy terrours haue trubled me.

¹⁸ They haue compaffed me as water al the day: they compaffed me together.

¹⁹ Thou ^h)haft made frend, and neighbour far from

^a Myn enimies haue endeouored not only to bereue me of temporal life, wherby I should goe into limbus, but alfo to kil my foule fpirituallly, wherby I should defcend into the lower hel of the damned.

^b Thy iuft wrath alfo ô God hath excedingly afflicted me.

^c Ô God deliuer me whiles I am yet liuing, for I may not looke for extraordinarie, and miraculous helpe, as to be raifed againe after death:

^d when I shal be dead & buried, I can not denounce thy praifes as now I can to mortal men.

^e Much leffe shal the damned praife thee in eternal perdition.

^f As wel young,

^g as waxing elder I haue bene ftill afflicted.

^h My miserable eftate hath alienated al freindes, neighboures, & acquaintances from me.

me: and my familiars becaufe of miferie.