

Psalme 87

*A faithful person fore and long afflicted, lamentably complaineth, praying God, 15. not fit to repel him, being left desolate, 19. without all consolation of freindes.*

A prayer in long affliction. The 7. key.

A Canticle of a Psalme, to the children of Core, vnto the end, for <sup>a)</sup>Maheleth <sup>b)</sup>to answer, <sup>c)</sup>of vnderstanding to Eman the Ezrahite.

**Ô** Lord the God of my saluation: <sup>d)</sup>in the day haue I cried, and in the night before thee.  
<sup>e)</sup>Let my prayer enter in thy sight: incline thine eare to my petition.

<sup>f)</sup>Because my foule is replenished with euils: and <sup>g)</sup>my life hath approached to hel.

<sup>h)</sup>I <sup>i)</sup>am accounted with them that descend into the lake.

I am become as a man without helpe, <sup>j)</sup>free among the dead, as the wounded sleepe in the sepulchres, of whom thou art mindful no more: and they are cast of from thy hand.

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<sup>a)</sup> An instrument of musike apt for lamentable songes. Not expressed in the title of anie other Psalme. Perhaps because this Psalme mixeth not anie consolation with mourning, as other Psalmes do, which are also prayers in affliction. As the 30. 53. 63. 73.

<sup>b)</sup> Neither is this word in anie other title. It is added here to admonish vs, that as this Psalme, and some others were sung by two quires, one answering the other, so we must in answer and imitation of Christ, suffer long and great afflictions with patience, seeing he in his passion was left without ordinarie consolation.

<sup>c)</sup> By some interpreted (his bretheren) For Christ (faith S. Augustin) vouchsafeth to make them his bretheren, which vnderstand the myserie of his Croffe, and not only are not ashamed thereof, but also faithfully glorie therein.

<sup>d)</sup> I haue cried to thee very often both by day, and by night.

<sup>e)</sup> I am almost dead.

<sup>f)</sup> Accounted as dead, and readie to be buried.

<sup>g)</sup> If I were dead, I should be free from these afflictions. Especially it agreeth to Christ, who was free, yea of infinite power amongst the dead.

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

8 Thy <sup>b</sup>)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: <sup>10</sup> myne eies languished for pouertie.

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

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

<sup>12</sup> Shal any <sup>d</sup>)in the fepulchre declare thy mercie, and thy truth in perdition?

<sup>13</sup> Shal thy meruelous workes be knowne <sup>e</sup>)in darkenes: and thy iuftice in the land of obliuion.

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

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

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

<sup>17</sup> Thy wrathes haue paffed vpon me: and thy terrours haue trubled me.

<sup>18</sup> They haue compaffed me as water al the day: they compaffed me together.

<sup>19</sup> Thou <sup>h</sup>)haft made frend, and neighbour far from

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<sup>a</sup> 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.

<sup>b</sup> Thy iuft wrath alfo ô God hath excedingly afflicted me.

<sup>c</sup> 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:

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

<sup>e</sup> Much leffe shal the damned praife thee in eternal perdition.

<sup>f</sup> As wel young,

<sup>g</sup> as waxing elder I haue bene ftill afflicted.

<sup>h</sup> My miferable eftate hath alienated al freindes, neighboures, & acquaintances from me.

me: and my familiars because of miferie.