Psalme 87

A faithful perſon ſore and long afflicted, lamentably complaineth, praying God, 15. not ſtil to repel him, being leift deſolate, 19. without al 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 [a)]Maheleth [b)]to anſwer, [c)]of vnderſtanding to Eman the Ezrahite.

Ô Lord the God of my ſaluation: [d)]in the day haue I cried, and in the night before thee.

3 Let my prayer enter in thy ſight: incline thine eare to my petition.

4 Becauſe my ſoule is replenished with euils: and [e)]my life hath approched to hel.

5 I [f)]am accounted with them that deſcend into the lake.

I am become as a man without helpe, 6 [g)]free among the dead, as the wounded ſleeping in the ſepulchres, of whom thou art mindful no more: and they are caſt of from thy hand.

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a An inſtrument of muſike apt for lamentable ſongues. 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.*

b Neither is this word in anie other title. It is added here to admoniſh vs, that as this Pſalme, and ſome others were ſongue by two quires, one anſwering the other, ſo we muſt in anſwer and imitation of Chriſt, ſuffer long and great afflictions with patience, ſeing he in his paſſion was leift without ordinarie cõſolation.

c By ſome interpreted (his bretheren) For Chriſt (ſaith S. Auguſtin) vouchſafeth to make them his bretheren, which vnderſtand the myſterie of his Croſſe, and not only are not aſhamed therof, but alſo faithfully glorie therin.

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

e I am almoſt dead.

f Accounted as dead, and readie to be buried.

g If I were dead, I ſhould be free from theſe afflictions. Eſpecially it agreeth to Chriſt, 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 haſt brought in vpon me.

9 Thou haſt made my familiars far from me: they haue put me abomination to themſelues.

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

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

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

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

13 Shal thy meruelous workes be knowne e)in darkenes: and thy iuſtice 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 doeſt thou ô Lord reiect my prayer: turneſt 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 paſſed vpon me: and thy terrours haue trubled me.

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

19 Thou h)haſt made frend, and neighboure far from

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a Myn enimies haue endeuoured not only to bereue me of temporal life, wherby I ſhould goe into limbus, but alſo to kil my ſoule ſpiritually, wherby I ſhould deſcend into the lower hel of the damned.

b Thy iuſt wrath alſo 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 raiſed againe after death:

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

e Much leſſe shal the damned praiſe thee in eternal perdition.

f As wel young,

g as waxing elder I haue bene ſtil afflicted.

h My miſerable eſtate hath alienated al freindes, neighboures, & acquantances from me.

me: and my familiars becauſe of miſerie.