

Psalme 98

Chrift reigneth, notwithstanding his enimies repine, is adored (5. also his footstoole) 6. whom ancient Prophetes did inuocate. Chrift our Meffias.
The 5. key.

A Pfalme to Dauid himfelfe.

Our Lord hath reigned, ^a)let peoples be angrie: he that fitteth vpon the Cherubs, let ^b)the earth be moued.

² Our Lord great in Sion: and high aboue al peoples.

³ Let them confesse to thy great name: because it is terrible, and holie.

⁴ And the honour of the king ^c)loueth iudgement.

Thou haft prepared directions: thou haft done iudgement and iuftice ^d)in Iacob.

⁵ Exalt ye the Lord our God, and ^e)adore ^f)his footstoole: because it is holie.

⁶ Moyfes, and Aaron in his ^f)prieftes: and Samuel among them, that inuocate his name:

⁷ They inuocated our Lord ^g)and he heard them: ⁸ in a piller of a cloud he fpake to them.

They kept his teftimonies, & the precept which he gaue them.

^a Though manie enimies do rage, and impugne Chrif:

^b though the whole earth be trubled thervvith, yet Chrif vvho fitteth ouer the higheft Angels, Cherubins and Seraphins, obteyneth the victorie, reigneth, and doth his vvil in al the earth.

^c Requireth difcretion.

^d In fauour of thyn elect people.

^e Hebrevv Doctors expound this of the Arke in the old teftament, but the Doctors of the Church vnderftand Chrifts humanitie, in the holie Eucharift.

^f Here it is eident (and S. Auguftin fayth this place taketh avay al doubt) that Moyfes vvas a Priefte, againft thofe that for maintaining the herefie of Lay-head-ship, denie it.

^g By example of their praying and obtaining, the Pfalmift confirmeth his prophecie, that Prieftes of the new Teftament fhall pray, and obtaine mercie of Chrif for the Church.

⁹ O Lord our God thou heardest them: God thou waft propitious to them, and taking vengeance vpon al^a)their inuentions.

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and adore ye in his holie mount: becaufe the Lord our God is holie.

ANNOTATIONS

5 Adore his footstoole.) For so much as al Expositors, also the Hebrevv Rabbins, affirme that the Pfalmist here prophecieth of Christ the promised Messias, that should redeme mankind; and feing the Arke of couenant perteyneth not to the seruice of Christ; but vvas only a figure of him, the footstoole of Messias here mentioned, must nedes be somethng perteyning to him: and therefore most ancient Fathers expound it of Christs humanitie. And becaufe the Prophet speaketh of perpetual adoration, not only of the fhorte time, he conuerfed vvith men in this life, vvhen very fevv adored him, the same fathers vnderstand here the adoration of Christ in the blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. Which S. Ambrose teacheth (*lib. 3. de Spiritu Sancto. c. 12.*) in these plaine vvordes: By the footstoole must be vnderstood the earth, by the earth the flesh of Christ. VVhich vve also at this day adore in the Mysteries, and vvhich the Apostles adored in our Lord Iesus.

S. Auguftin more largely *vpon this Psalme*, I am made doubtful (faith he) I feare to adore the earth, lest he condeme me that made heauen and earth. Againe I feare not to adore the footstoole of my Lord, becaufe the Psalme faith to me: Adore his footstoole. I seeke vvhat is his footstoole, and the Scripture (*Isaiæ. 66.*) telleth me, the earth is his footstoole. Doubtful I turne myself vnto Christ, becaufe I seeke him here, and I finde hovv vvithout impietie the earth may be adored, vvithout impietie his footstoole may be adored. For he tooke earth of earth, becaufe flesh is of earth, and he tooke flesh of the flesh of (the B. virgin) Marie. And becaufe he vvalked here in the same flesh, and gaue the very flesh to vs to eate, vnto saluation, and no man eateth that flesh, onles he first adore it: it is found hovv fuch a footstoole of our Lord may be adored: and not only vve doe not finne in adoring, but vve should finne in not adoring. Thus farre S. Auguftin. Further instructing, not to cõceiue of Christs flesh, as the Capharnaites did, that he would cute it in peeces from his bodie, and geue them portions therof. His very flesh is geuen and eaten, not in fleshlie maner, but in sacramental. See *Annotations. Ioan. 6.*

Christs humanitie is his foote stoole, adored in the Eucharist.

S. Ambrose.

S. Auguftin.

The receiuers of the B. Sacrament do finne if they do not adore it.

^a God reuenged the machinations made against them, punishing the rebellion of Core, Dathan and Abyron. *Num. 16.*