

Psalm 103

The Psalmist inviteth himself and others to praise God, for his merueous workes in the heauens, 5. the earth, and water, 9. limiting their bondes, producing al thinges neceffarie for al liuing creatures, in conuenient seasons, 27. with continual prouidence of al.

Gods workes
merueous.
The 2. key.

To Dauid him self.

My foule bleffe thou our Lord: ô Lord my
God thou art magnified exceedingly.
Thou haft put on ^{a)}confeffion and beautie: being
clothed with light as with a garment:

Stretching out the heauen as a skinne: ³ which
couereft the higher partes therof ^{b)}with waters.

Which ^{c)}makeft the cloude for thee to afcend on:
which walkeft vpon the winges of windes.

⁴ Which makeft fpirites thine ^{d)}Angels: and thy
^{e)}minifters a burning fyre.

⁵ Which haft founded the earth vpon ^{f)}the ftabilitie
therof: it fhall not be inclined for euer and euer:

⁶ The ^{g)}depth, ^{h)}as a garment, is his clothing: vpon
the mountaines fhall waters ftand.

^a Thou poffeffeft al maieftie, and matter of praife.

^b Thou haft compaffed the fphere of the fixed ftarres, with a fphere
of chriftalline fubftance; which is as water congeled.

^c According to our capacitie the prophet defcribeth the fpeedie com-
ing, or vvorking of God as if he came in a fvvift cloud, or vvith
vvings of the vvind, to fignifie that he vvorketh vvhat and vvhen
he pleafeth vvithout delay: He faide, and thinges vvcre made: he
commanded and they vvcre created. *Pfal. 32.*

^d Thy meffengers to execute thy vvil:

^e & the fame Angels are as a burning fire in operation, yea they
difpatch more eafily, and more fpedely then vve can conceiue.

^f Moft firmly eftablifhed by natural weight, in the center of the
world.

^g The water

^h fhould naturally couer al the earth:

7 At ^{a)}thy reprehention they shal flee: at the voice of thy thunder they shal feare.

8 The ^{b)}mountaines ascend: and the plaine fildes descend into the place, which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound, which ^{c)}they shal not passe ouer: neither shal they returne to couer the earth.

10 Which sendeth forth fontaines in the valles: between the middest of mountaines shal waters passe.

11 All the beastes of the fildes shal drinke: the wilde asses shal ^{d)}expect in their thirst.

12 Ouer them shal the foules of the ayre inhabite: out of the middes of rockes they shal geue forth voices.

13 Watering the mountaines from his higher places: of the fruite of thy worke shal the earth be filled:

14 Bringing forth graffe for beastes, and herbe for the seruice of men.

That thou mayest bring forth ^{e)}bread out of the earth: ¹⁵ and wine may make the hart of man ioyful:

That he may make the face chereful with oyle: and bread may confirme the hart of man.

¹⁶ The trees of the fildes shal be filled, and the ceders of Libanus, which he hath planted: ¹⁷ there sparowes shal make their nest.

The house of the hearne is the leader of them: ¹⁸ the high mountaines for hartes: the rocke a refuge for the Irchins.

¹⁹ He made the moone for seasons: the sunne knoweth his going downe.

²⁰ Thou didst appoint darkenes, and night was made: in it shal all the beastes of the wood passe.

^a But by thy commandment the waters are contained in their limited places.

^b The waters being conteyned in their appointed chanelles, both hilles and fieldes appeare, which otherwise would be couered.

^c The waters.

^d Hope for and receiue.

^e By these three principal kinds of foode, breade, wine, and oyle, all fortes of nutriment are vnderstood.

²¹ The whelpes of lions roaring, to rauē, and to feeke of God meate for themfelues.

²² The funne is rifen, and they are gathered together: and in their couches they shal be placed.

²³ Man shal goe forth to his worke: and to his working vntil euening.

²⁴ How magnified are thy workes ô Lord! thou haft made al thinges in wifedom: the earth is filled with ^a)thy poffeffion.

²⁵ This great fea, and very large, there are ^b)creeping beaftes, wherof ^c)there is no number.

Little beaftes with great: ²⁶ there shippes shal paffe.

This ^d)dragon, whom thou madeft to ^e)delude: ²⁷ al expect of thee that thou geue them meate in feafon.

²⁸ Thou geuing vnto them, they shal gather it: thou opening thy hand, al shal be filled with bountie.

²⁹ But thou turning away the face, they shal be trubled: thou shalt take away their fpirite, and they shal faile, and shal returne into their duft.

³⁰ Thou shalt fend forth thy fpirit, and they shal be created: and thou shalt renewe the face of the earth.

³¹ Be the glorie of our Lord for euer: our Lord wil reioice in his workes:

³² Who looketh vpon the earth, & maketh it to tremble: who toucheth the mountaines, and they fmoke.

³³ I wil chaunte to our Lord in my life: I wil fing to my God as long as I am.

³⁴ Let my fpeech be acceptable to him: but I wil take delight in our Lord.

^a VVith thy creatures.

^b Fifhes, ferpents, wormes, and al liuing creatures that lacke feete.

^c No kind of liuing creatures multiplieth fo much as fifhes. *Aristotel li. 9. Animal. c. 17.*

^d A moft huge fifh called Leuiathan. *Iob. 40. v. 20.*

^e Albeit in the water he paffeth mans ftrength, yet depriued of water he is not able to defend himfelfe. *v. 19.*

35 ^{a)}Let finners faile from the earth, and the vniuft,
fo that they be not: my foule bleffe thou our Lord.

^a A prediction that impenitent finners fhall be damned, wherein the Prophet conforming his wil to Gods, vttereth it in forme of a prayer.