

Psalme 105

The prophet exhorteth the people to render thanks and praifes to God, 6. for remitting their manifold finnes, in the defert, 34. and in the conquered land: 38. foreshewing like finnes to come, Gods wrath and punishment for the fame, 44. and that he wil geue grace of repentance: to fome 47. for which he prayeth, and praifeth God.

The Ifraelites often finned, and were mercifully punished. The 4. key.

Alleluia.

*Iudith. 13.
v. 21.*

Confesse ye to our Lord ^{a)}because he is good because his mercie is for euer.

²⁾Who shal fpeake the powers of our Lord, shal make al his praifes to be heard?

³⁾Bleffed are they, that keepe iudgement, and ^{d)}doe iuftice at al time.

⁴⁾Remember vs ô Lord ^{e)}in the good pleafure of thy people: vifite vs in thy faluation:

⁵⁾To ^{f)}fee in the goodnes of thyne elect, to reioyce in the ioy of thy nation: that thou maift be prayfed with thine inheritance.

⁶⁾We haue ^{g)}finned with our fathers: we haue ^{h)}dealt vniuftly, we haue ⁱ⁾done iniquitie.

⁷⁾Our fathers in Ægypt did not vnderftand thy meruelous workes: they were not mindeful of the multitude of thy mercie.

Exod. 14. v. 11.

And they prouoked thee to wrath going vp vnto the fea, the Read fea.

^{a)} God is of himfelfe and effentially good. Al other goodnes is participated of him.
^{b)} No creature can fully expresse Gods perfections.
^{c)} It is a happie ftate in this life, either to kepe Gods law:
^{d)} or to repent and do worthe penance for tranfgreffing.
^{e)} According to thy wonted beneuolence, promifed to thy people.
^{f)} That we may fee, and enjoy the benefites promifed to thyne elect.
^{g)} VVe haue erred and hurt ourfelues:
^{h)} we haue wronged our neighbours:
ⁱ⁾ we haue offended againft God.

8 And he faued them ^{a)}for his name fake; that he might make his power knowen.

9 And he rebuked the Read fea, and it was made drie: and he led them in the depths as in a defert.

10 And he faued them from the hand of them that hated them: and ^hhe redemed them out of the hand of the enemie.

11 And water ouerwhelmed thofe that afflicted them: there did not one of them remaine.

12 And they beleued his wordes: and they fang his praife.

Exo. 15. 13 They had ^{b)}quickly donne, they forgot his workes: and they ^{c)}expected not his counfel.

Exo. 16. & 17. 14 And they coueted concupifcence in the defert: and tempted God in the place without water.

15 He gaue them their petition: and fent faturitie into their ^{d)}foules.

Num. 16. 16 And they prouoked Moyfes in the campe: Aaron the ^{e)}holie of our Lord.

17 The earth was opened, and fwallowed Dathan: and ouerwhelmed the congregation of Abiron.

18 And a fire flamed vp in their finagogue: the flame burnt the finners.

Exo. 23. 19 And they made a calfe in Horeb: and they adored ^{f)}the fculptil.

^a Albeit the people by their murmuring deferued more punifhment, yet God for the glorie of his owne name faued them from vtter deftruction.

^b They perfeuered not long in their dutie towards God, feing his omnipotent powre by his meruelous workes;

^c nor were content with his prouidence, but carnally coueted thinges, not neceffarie.

^d According to their carnal defires.

^e Holie by his function.

^f They adored the image that reprented a calf, not God.

20 And they ^a)changed their glorie into the fimilitude of a calfe that eateth graffe.

21 They forgat God, which faued them, which did great thinges in Ægypt, 22 meruelous thinges in the land of Cham, terrible thinges in the Read sea.

Exo. 32. 23 And ^b)he fayd to deftroy them: if Moyfes his elect had not ftood in the way before him:

To turne away his wrath that he should not deftroy them: 24 and they eftemed for naught the land that was to be defired.

They did not beleue his word, 25 and they murmured in their tabernacles: they heard not the voice of our Lord.

Num. 14. v. 21. 22. 26 And he lifted vp his hand ouer them: to ouerthrowe them in the defert:

27 And to caft doune their feede among the Nations: and to difperfe them in the countries.

Num. 25. v. 3. 28 And they were professed to ^c)Beelphegor: and they did eate the facrifices ^d)of the dead.

29 And they prouoked him in their inuentions: and ruine was multiplied on them.

30 And Phinees ftood, and ^e)pacified: and the flaugh-

^a God being their true glorie, they changed him, for a falfe god of the Ægyptians (who efpecially honoured a calfe called Apis) making an image therof, and attributed their deliuerie from Ægypt to this imagined god. *Exo. 32. v. 48.* Of which and the like foolifh, and abominable idolatrie S. Paul writeth, *Rom. 1. v. 23.* They changed the glorie of the incorruptible God, into a fimilitude of the image of a corruptible man, and of foules, and of foure footed beaftes, and of them that crepe: where we fee what maner of imagies holie Scripture condemne, and not the imagies of Chrift and his Sainctes.

^b He fayd, he would deftroy them, but for Moyfes prayer fpared them.

^c The Idol of Moabites, and Madianites.

^d As God is in deede the liuing God, that liueth of himfelfe, and geueth life to others: fo falfe goddes are called dead goddes, that can not geue life to anie, but doe kil al that ferue them: at leaft fpiritually, and often corporally.

^e Phinees moued by the zeale of God (as the holie text witneffeth. *Nu. 25. v. 11.*) in killing the adulterers pleafed God, and merited reward.

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³¹ And it was reputed to him vnto iuftice, in generation and generation euen for euer.

*Num. 20.
v. 2. 12.*

³² And they prouoked him at the waters of contradiction: and ^{a)}Moyfes was vexed for them: ³³ becaufe they exafperated his fpirit.

And he playnely affirmed in his lippes: ³⁴ they deftroyed not the nations, of which our Lord fpake to them.

*Deut. 2.
v. 2. & 12.
v. 2. & 3.*

³⁵ And they were mingled among the nations, and learned their workes: ³⁶ and they ferued their fculptils: and it became a fcandal to them.

*Iudic. 2.
v. 11. 12.*

³⁷ And they immolated their fonnes, and their daughters to diuels.

*Iudic. 3.
v. 5. 6. & c.
Iere. 19. v. 5.*

³⁸ And ^{b)}they shed innocent bloud: the bloud of their fonnes and of their daughters, which they facrificed to the fculptils of Chanaan.

And the land was infected with bloud, ³⁹ and was contaminated in their workes: and they did fornicate in their inuentions.

⁴⁰ And our Lord was wrath with furie vpon his people: and he abhorred his inheritance.

⁴¹ And he deliuered them into the handes of the nations: and they that hated them, had the dominion of them.

⁴² And their enimies afflicted them: and they were humbled vnder their handes: ⁴³ he did often deliuer them.

^a Moyfes afflicted in fpirite, by the enormous murmuring of the people, doubted whether God would geue them water out of the rocke or no, not doubting of his powre, but of his wil: and fo when he fould haue fpoken to the rocke, *Num. 20. v. 8.* he fpoke to the incredulous people, *v. 10.* and therein offended God. For which he was temporally punifhed. *v. 12. Deut. 1. v. 37. & c. 3. v. 26. c. 4. v. 21.*

^b Some Iewes offered thefe moft cruel, vnnatural, and abominable facrifices: perhaps in the times of Iudges, when they were mingled with idolatrous people, and ferued their goddes: *Iud. 2. v. 12. c. 3. v. 6.* But it is more exprefse after Dauids time, wherof he here prophecieth, and was verified by Achaz. *4. Reg. 16. v. 3.* and by Manaffes *4. Reg. 21. v. 6.* VVhich with other idolatrie king Iofias deftroyed. *4. Reg. 23. v. 1.*

But they exasperated him in their counsel: and they were humbled in their iniquities.

44 And he ^asaw when they were afflicted: and he heard their prayer.

45 And he was mindeful of his testament: and it repented him according to the multitude of his mercie.

46 And he gaue them into mercies in the fight of al, that had taken them.

47 ^b)^cSaue vs ô Lord our God: and geather vs out of the Nations:

That we may confesse to thy holie name: & may glorie in thy prayse.

48 Bleffed be our Lord the God of Ifrael from euerlasting vnto euerlasting: and al the people shal fay: Be it, be it.

ANNOTATIONS

10 He redeemed them.) VVhat price (or ranfom) faith S. Auguftin, was geuen in this redemption? Or is it a prophecie, that this was done in figure of Baptifme, where we are redemed from the hand of the diuel, by a great price, which is the bloud of Chrif? VVherupon it was more conueniently figured, not by what fea foeuer, but by the read fea. For bloud hath redde coulour. And touching the effect of Baptifme deftroying al former finnes, he teacheth in the *exposition of the next Pfalme* (and either the fame holie father, or fome other good author, *Ser. 42. de temp.*) that as the Ifraelites paffed fafely through the read fea, and al the Ægyptians going in with them were drowned: fo the baptized are faued in the water of Baptifme, and al their finnes are deftroyed.

The read fea a figure of Baptifme.

Al former finnes deftroyed in Baptifme.

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- ^a God respected them with his merciful eye, and gaue them grace to repent.
- ^b Here the Pfalmift concludeth both the hiftorie and prophecie of this Pfalme, with prayer and praife, as foloweth:
- ^c A verie fitte prayer in time of fchifme.