Chrifts exalta-

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Psalme 109

Chrift rifing and afcending into heaven fitteth on the right hand of God: 2. beginning in Ierufalem reigneth in the Church of the whole earth: 4. vfeth the Priefthood of Melchifedechs order to the end of the world. 6. And shal iudge the world.

A pfalme of Dauid.

Mat. 22. Act. 2. 1. Cor. 15. Heb. 1. & 10. ur ^{a)}Lord fayd ^{b)}to my Lord: Sitte on my right hand: ^{c)}til I make thine enemies, thy footeftoole of thy feete.

² Our Lord wil fend forth the rod of thy ftrength ^d)from Sion: rule thou in the middes of thine enemies.

³ With the e)the beginning in the day f)of thy ftrength, in g)the brightnes of holie thinges: from the wombe h)before the day ftarre I begat thee.

Heb. 5. v. 7.

 4 Our Lord $^i) f ware, and it shal not repent him: Thou art ^a Prieft <math display="inline">^j) for euer ^a according to <math display="inline">^k) the order of Melchifedech.$

- ^d The Church of Chrift beginning in Ierufalem on whitfunday, the fiftith day from his Refurrection, continueth euer more.
- ^e Thou fhalt haue principalitie,
- ^f in the day of thy powrful conqueft, and rifing from death,
- ^g in excellencie of al holie fpiritual myfteries and graces:
- ^h becaufe, I God the Father of my fubftance begate thee, God the Sonne in eternitie. The fame which Micheas faith (c. 5. v. 2.) His coming forth from the beginning, from the dayes of eternitie.
- ⁱ God moft firmly, and vnchangeably affirmed: that thou (Chrift our Meffias) art not only a King, but alfo a Prieft:
- ^j not for a time, as Aaron was, but for euer,
- $^{\rm k}\,$ neither of Aarons order, but according to the Order of Melchifedec.

^a God the Father

^b to God the Sonne, the Lord of Dauid, and of al mankind, yet the fonne of Dauid, according to his humanitie.

^c He limiteth not the time, but excludeth al time, wherin the enimie might imagine, that Chrifts kingdom fhould ceafe: fignifying that Chrift fhal reigne, til al his enimies be fubdued, much more afterwards in al eternitie.

 5 Our Lord on thy right hand, <code>a)</code>hath broken kinges in the day of his wrath.

⁶ He ^b)shal iudge in nations, he ^c)shal fil ruines, he ^d)shal crush the heads in the land of manie.

 $^{7\ e)}Of$ the torrent in the way he shal drinke: $^{f)}therfore$ shal he exalt the head.

ANNOTATIONS

4 A Prieft for euer.) In two refpectes Chrift is a Prieft for euer: in that from the firft inftant of his Incarnation he was, and remaineth a Prieft, now alfo in heauen: and al other Prieftes are his minifterial vicares, not fucceffors. So that al prieftlie functions, which they doe, he by them doth the fame, as the principal Prieft. VVherupon faith S. Paul (1. Cor. 4.) So let a man thincke of vs, as of the minifters of Chrift, and difpenfers of the myfteries of God. Secondly Chrift dayly offering Sacrifice by the handes of his Prieftes, doth continually pacifie Gods wrath, in behalf of thofe finners, for whom it is duly applied, euen to the end of the world. VVheras the Priefthood of Aaron, and of al others in the old Teftament, ceaffed by their deathes, both in the office, and in the effect.

4 According to the order of Melchifedech.) As Melchifedech, king of peace and iuftice, without father, mother, or genealogie, expressed in holie Scriptures, or otherwise knowen to the world, was Prieft of the Hieghest, offered bread and wine, an vnbloudie facrifice; communicating with both Chananeites and Hebrewes, bleffed Abraham, and tooke tithes of him, and his fubiectes: fo Chrift the true King of peace & iuftice, without father of his humanity, without mother of his Diuinitie, the Sonne of God, of ineffable genealogie, borne of a virgin in his humanitie, the Prieft of God, offereth Sacrifice (not only bloudie on the Croffe, but alfo) vnbloudie in the formes of bread and wine, continueth the fame by the ministerie of other Prieftes, maketh al nations partakers therof, bleffeth them and receiveth of them al dutiful and religious feruice, as of his fubiectes. Chrifts Priefthood for euer both in function and in effect.

The refemblance of Chrifts and Melchifedecs Priefthood.

^a Kinges that fometimes perfecute Chriftians, are fubdued with other people to Chrift.

^b He fhal iudge and punifh the incredulous people,

^c make great flaughters amongft those that refift:

^d and bring princes with their populous kingdoms to nothing.

^e He fhal in the meane time (and alfo his beft feruants) fuffer much tribulation in this life:

^f and for the fame be highly exalted in life euerlafting.