

Psalme 119

The Iewes in captiuitie of Babylon, Christians in perfecution, or other great tribulation, pray with confidence to be deliuered from danger, and fclander of wicked tongues, 5. lamenting their long indurance.

Prayer in tribulation.

The 7. key.

A gradual Canticle.

V When I was in tribulation I cried to our Lord:
and ^{a)}he heard me.
² O Lord deliuer my foule from ^{b)}vniuft lippes, and
from a deceitful tongue.
³ ^{c)}What may be geuen thee, or what may be added
vnto thee to a deceitful tongue?
⁴ ^{d)}The sharpe arrowes of the mightie, with coales
of defolation.
⁵ ^{e)}Woe is to me, that my feiourning is prolonged: I
haue dwelte with the ^{f)}inhabitanes of Cedar: ⁶ My foule
hath bene long a feiourner.
⁷ With them, that hated peace, I was peaceable:
when I fpake to them, they impugned me ^{g)}without
caufe.

^a Former experience of Gods mercie in hearing the prayers of thofe that inuocated him, geueth hope that he wil heare in like cafe.

^b Nothing is more dangerous then vntrue and deceitful tongues, nothing more damage then to diminifh, and detract from the good fame of the iuft: and therefore this is a moft neceffarie prayer, that God wil deliuer vs, from the wicked tongues of Turkes, Heretikes, and other wicked men.

^c What punishment is great ynough for wicked tongues?

^d Surely the malice of wicked tongues deferueth sharpeft punishments to be afflicted by ftrong handes.

^e Iewes lamented their long abfence from the holie land, efpecially from Ierufalem, and the Temple. Christians mourne for their refraint from Gods Seruice, and long perigrination from heauen.

^f Of Cedar the fonne of Ifmael, came Mahomet, the Turkes falfe prophet, whofe tyrannie is great and long. The name Cedar is interpreted, blacknes, and obfcuritie, which fignifieth darkenes of error, and finne.

^g The wicked afflict thofe that geue no caufe of offence.