

Psalme 123

*The whole Church, and euerie iust perfon, gratefully confeffeth, that by Gods protection they are fecure, without which none could efcape ruine.*

Gods protection.  
The 3. key.

A gradual Canticle.

**B**ut that our Lord <sup>a)</sup>was in vs, let Ifrael now fay: <sup>2</sup> but that our Lord was in vs, When <sup>b)</sup>men rofe vp againft vs, <sup>3</sup> <sup>c)</sup>perhaps they had fwallowed vs <sup>d)</sup>aliue:

When their furie was angrie againft vs, <sup>4</sup> perhaps <sup>e)</sup>water had fwallowed vs.

<sup>5</sup> Our foule hath paffed through <sup>f)</sup>a torrent: perhaps our foule had paffed through an intolerable water.

<sup>6</sup> Bleffed be our Lord which hath not geuen vs, for a pray to their teeth.

<sup>7</sup> Our foule as a fparow is deliuered from the fnare of the fowlers:

The fnare is <sup>g)</sup>broken, and we are deliuered.

<sup>8</sup> Our helpe is in the name of our Lord, who made heauen and earth.

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<sup>a</sup> If God had not fent his helpe, and defence to vs,

<sup>b</sup> we could not haue efaped the force of our enimies.

<sup>c</sup> The vvord (perhaps) doth not here import a doubt, or vncertain- tie, but in modeft maner of affeueration, leaueth the iudgement of the euent that fhould hapen (if God did not protect his feru- antes) to their ovvne confideration: vvhich is an vvual phrafe in moft languages.

<sup>d</sup> So fudainly fhould the vveake, vvithout Gods protection, be deftroyed, as men are deuoured & fvvalovved vp by rauening vvild beafts, euen before they be throughly dead. So vvvas Ionas fvvalovved into the vvhales bellie.

<sup>e</sup> Furious perfecution.

<sup>f</sup> Suddaine great troubles.

<sup>g</sup> Mans fubteltye often deceiueth an other man, but there is no counfel able to circumuent God.