

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.

But that our Lord ^{a)}was in vs, let Ifrael now fay: ² but that our Lord was in vs, When ^{b)}men rofe vp againft vs, ³ ^{c)}perhaps they had fwallowed vs ^{d)}aliue:

When their furie was angrie againft vs, ⁴ perhaps ^{e)}water had fwallowed vs.

⁵ Our foule hath paffed through ^{f)}a torrent: perhaps our foule had paffed through an intolerable water.

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

⁷ Our foule as a fparow is deliuered from the fnare of the fowlers:

The fnare is ^{g)}broken, and we are deliuered.

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

^a If God had not fent his helpe, and defence to vs,

^b we could not haue efaped the force of our enimies.

^c 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 feruantes) to their ovvne confideration: vvwhich is an vfual phrafe in moft languages.

^d 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.

^e Furious perfecution.

^f Suddaine great troubles.

^g Mans fubteltye often deceiueth an other man, but there is no counfel able to circumuent God.