

Psalme 124

The Church, and holie members therof, are alwayes protected by God: 5. The wicked being fuffered for a while, are at laft punished.

Gods protection.
The 3. key.

A gradual Canticle.

They ^{a)}that trust in our Lord, as mount Sion: he shal not be moued for euer, ^{b)}that dwelleth ² in Ierufalem.

Mountaines round about it: and our Lord round about his people, from hence forth now and for euer.

³ Because our Lord ^{c)}wil not leaue the rod of finners vpon the lote of the iuft: that the iuft reach not their handes to iniquitie.

^{4 d)}Doe wel ô Lord to the good, and right of hart.

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- ^a Those that confidently trust in God, are in such securitie as is mount Sion, vvhich is a hil, defended also vvith other hilles round about.
- ^b An other thing required to this securitie, is to dvvel vvithin Ierufalem, not the terreftrial citie, for (as S. Auguftin obserueth) the Ievves that dwelt therein are destroyed or made captiues, and hitherto reiected of God, but in the Catholique Church.
- ^c God wil not alwayes, nor finally leaue his feruants in tribulation, but only a vvhile for their good.
- ^d This prayer is also an affeueration, for it is certaine that God wil defend, and reward the good, and right of hart:

⁵ But ^a)thofe that decline into obligations, our Lord wil bring with them that worke iniquitie: ^b)peace vpon Ifrael.

^a And no leffe affuredly God wil punifh not only the notorious wicked, and principal auctors of wickednes, but alfo al thofe that for feare or for commoditie, or for anie other caufe, decline into obligations, bondes, couenants, or anie vvay confent, in external fhew with the wicked againft God: as in outward profeffion of Herefie, or Schifme, though fuch temporizers do not thincke in their hart, that the pretended religion is true, wherto they are drawn to yeld external conformitie. For, as the Pfalmift here teacheth, our Lord wil bring al fuch acceffarie offenders, to the fame iudgement and punifhment, vvith the principal vvorkers of iniquitie.

^b Al vvhich being punifhed, then Ierufalem, the Catholique Church, fhall haue peace.