

Psalme 131

The Pfalmift earnestly prayeth God to geue him leaue, & to shew him where, to build a Temple. But more especially prayeth for, and prophecieth the coming of Chrif, the promifed Sonne of Daud, 14. fignifying Gods promife therof, and of eftablishing his Church.

Chrifts coming
to reftore man.
The 5. key.

A gradual Canticle.

Remember ^{a)}Daudid ô Lord, and al his meekenes:
As he fwore to our Lord, ^{b)}vowed a vowe to the
God of Iacob.

^{3 c)}If I shal enter into the tabernacle of my houfe,
if I shal ascend into the bed of my couch.

⁴ If I shal geue fleepe to mine eies, and flumbering
to mine eie liddes:

⁵ And rest to my temples: vntil I finde a place for
our Lord, a tabernacle for the God of Iacob.

⁶ Behold we haue heard of it ^{d)}in Ephrata: we haue
found it in ^{e)}the fildes of the wood.

^a It is an vsual thing that Daudid, Moyfes, & other Prophetes fpeake of themfelues in the third perfon.

^b King Daudid defiring, and fo farre as lay in him, promifing to build a Temple to God, vvith great instance prayed that he might performe the fame. But God difpofing othervvife, that not he, but his fonne fhould build it, he neuertheles prepared the matter, vvorkemen, and money, fhevved the forme, and difpofed the Leuites hovv to ferue therein.

^c Moreouer by vovv depriued himfelf of entering into his ovvne houfe, or taking his ordinarie rest, til he might (if it fo pleased God) knovv the place vvhere it fhould be built.

^d It vvas reueled to Daudid, that the Temple fhould be built, in that part of Ierufalem, vvhich looketh tovwards Bethleem (othervvife called Ephrata) vvhere our Sauour vvas borne.

^e VVithin Ierufalem, vvhich is compaffed vvith vvoodes. In this vifion alfo the vvhole forme of the Temple vvas reueled vnto him, as he testifieth. *1. Par. 28. v. 19.* Al thinges, quoth he, came vvritten vvith the hand of our Lord vnto me: that I might vnderftand al the vvorkes of the paterne.

7 ^{a)}We wil enter into his tabernacle: we wil ^{b)}adore
in the place where his feete ftood.

8 ^{c)}Arife Lord into thy reft, thou and ^{d)}the arke of
thy fanctification.

9 Let thy Prieftes be clothed with ^{e)}iuftice: & let
thy ^{f)}fainctes reioyce.

10 ^{g)}For Daud thy feruants fake, ^{h)}turne not away
the face of thy Chrift.

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- ^a Holie Daud moued vvith exceding deuotion, repared to the place,
vvhere Gods Temple fould be built;
- ^b & adored God, vvhere the Propitiatorie, as a footftoole represent-
ing Gods preface, fould ftand. VVhat meruel then if deuotion
moue Chriftians, to vifite the holie places, vvhere our Sauour,
God and Man vvas Incarnate, vvas borne, fuffered death, vvas
buried, afcended into heauen, or anie other place vvhere his feete
ftood.
- ^c O God, leauing Silo, Gabaon, and the like places, come into thy
holie Temple.
- ^d VVith the Arke of couenant, vvhere thou fanctifiest thy people.
And here againe the Prophet illuminated vvith a higher Myfterie,
and inflamed vvith more deuotion, prayeth for Chriftes coming
into the vvorld, and that after his Paffion he vvil rife, not only
in glorie of foule, but alfo of bodie, prefigured by the Arke of
teftimonie, vvchich vvas in the tabernacle, and after in the Temple.
- ^e Grant therefore that thy Prieftes, vvchich muft offer facrifice in this
faced place, be indued vvith vertues, and good life vvorthie of
their degree:
- ^f and the Leuites vvho are ordained to ferue there, be likevvife made
fitte for their diuers functions, both in the old and nevv Teftament.
- ^g And feing thou haft geuen fuch meeknes, deuotion, zeale, finceritie,
and other vertues making him a man according to thyne ovvne
hart, and therupon promifed to eftablifh his fede,
- ^h differ not to fend thy promifed Meffias, Chrift our Redemer.

¹¹ Our Lord ^a)hath fworne truth to Dauid, and ^b)he wil not difapoint it: ^c)Of the fruite of thy wombe I wil fet vpon thy feate.

¹² ^d)If thy children shal keepe my teftament, and thefe my teftimonies which I wil teach them:

Their children alfo euen for euer, shal fit vpon thy feate.

¹³ Because our Lord hath chofen Sion: he hath chofen it for an habitation to himfelf.

¹⁴ This is my ^e)reft for euer and euer: here wil I dwel because I haue chofen it.

¹⁵ Bleffing I wil bleffe her ^f)widow: her ^g)poore I wil fil with breades.

¹⁶ Her ^h)Prieftes I wil clothe with faluation: and her ⁱ)fainctes shal reioyce with ioyfulnes.

¹⁷ ^j)Thither wil I bring forth a horne to Dauid, I haue prepared ^k)a lampe to my Chrif.

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- ^a Henceforth to the end of this Pfalme, the Prophet relateth Gods reuelation to him: That he hath truly promifed vvith an oath,
^b and vvil performe,
^c to fette one of Dauids fonnes vpon his Throne: vvich vvas not only fulfilled in Salomon, vvho reigned in great peace, and builded the Temple, but efpecially in Chrif the Sonne of Dauid, to vvhom our Lord God gaue the feate of Dauid his father, & he fhall reigne in the houfe of Iacob for euer, and of his kingdom there fhall be no end. *Luc. 1. v. 32. 33.* By this promife S. Peter alfo proueth Chrifts Refurrection. *Act. 2. v. 30.*
^d Concerning the children of Chrif, members of his kingdom the Church, the promife is conditional, if they obferue Gods commandments, they fhall fit vpon his feate: be coheyres of his kingdom. *Rom. 8. v. 17.*
^e Sion, the Catholique Church, is a perpetual place where God dwelleth.
^f The Church vvanting Chrifts vifible prefence, is replenifhed vvith manie bleffinges,
^g and al her humble children are releued vvith holie Sacraments.
^h The Church hath alwayes fome holie Prieftes,
ⁱ and fome holie people.
^j Of his Church, elected by God, Chrif is the Protector, and ftrong defence.
^k And the fame Church fhall be a perpetual lampe, vvherby others may come to him.

¹⁸ His enemies I wil clothe with confusion: but vpon
him shal my fanctification flourish.