

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 Chrift, the promifed Sonne of Dauid, 14. fignifying Gods promife therof, and of eftablishing his Church.*

Christs coming  
to reftore man.  
The 5. key.

A gradual Canticle.

**R**emember <sup>a)</sup>Dauid ô Lord, and al his meekenes:  
As he fwore to our Lord, <sup>b)</sup>vowed a vowe to the  
God of Iacob.

<sup>3 c)</sup>If I shal enter into the tabernacle of my houle,  
if I shal ascend into the bed of my couch.

<sup>4</sup> If I shal geue fleepe to mine eies, and flumbering  
to mine eie liddes:

<sup>5</sup> And reft to my temples: vntil I finde a place for  
our Lord, a tabernacle for the God of Iacob.

<sup>6</sup> Behold we haue heard of it <sup>d)</sup>in Ephrata: we haue  
found it in <sup>e)</sup>the fildes of the wood.

<sup>a</sup> It is an vfual thing that Dauid, Moyfes, & other Prophetes fpeake of themfelues in the third perfon.

<sup>b</sup> King Dauid 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.

<sup>c</sup> Moreouer by vvovv depriued himfelf of entering into his ovvne houle, or taking his ordinarie reft, til he might (if it fo pleaſed God) knovv the place vvhere it fhould be built.

<sup>d</sup> It vvvas reueled to Dauid, that the Temple fhould be built, in that part of Ierufalem, vvvhich looketh tovwards Bethleem (othervvife called Ephrata) vvhere our Sauour vvvas borne.

<sup>e</sup> VVithin Ierufalem, vvvhich is compaffed vvith vvoodes. In this vifion alfo the vvhole forme of the Temple vvvas reueled vnto him, as he teftifieth. *1. Par. 28. v. 19.* Al thinges, quoth he, came vvritten vvith the hand of our Lord vnto me: that I might vvnderftand al the vvorkes of the paterne.

7 <sup>a)</sup>We wil enter into his tabernacle: we wil <sup>b)</sup>adore  
in the place where his feete ftood.

8 <sup>c)</sup>Arife Lord into thy reft, thou and <sup>d)</sup>the arke of  
thy fanctification.

9 Let thy Prieftes be clothed with <sup>e)</sup>iuflice: & let  
thy <sup>f)</sup>fainctes reioyce.

10 <sup>g)</sup>For Daud thy feruants fake, <sup>h)</sup>turne not away  
the face of thy Chrift.

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- <sup>a</sup> Holie Daud moued vvith exceding deuotion, repared to the place,  
vvhere Gods Temple fhould be built;
- <sup>b</sup> & adored God, vvhere the Propitiatorie, as a footftoole represent-  
ing Gods prefence, fhould 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.
- <sup>c</sup> O God, leauing Silo, Gabaon, and the like places, come into thy  
holie Temple.
- <sup>d</sup> VVith the Arke of couenant, vvhere thou fanctifielt 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.
- <sup>e</sup> Grant therfore that thy Prieftes, vvchich muft offer facrifice in this  
faced place, be indued vvith vertues, and good life vvorthie of  
their degree:
- <sup>f</sup> and the Leuites vvho are ordained to ferue there, be likevvife  
made fitte for their diuers functions, both in the old and nev  
Testament.
- <sup>g</sup> And feing thou haft geuen fuch meeknes, deuotion, zele, finceritie,  
and other vertues making him a man according to thyne ovne  
hart, and therupon promifed to eftablifh his fede,
- <sup>h</sup> differ not to fend thy promifed Meffias, Chrift our Redemer.

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

<sup>12</sup> <sup>d</sup>)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.

<sup>13</sup> Becaufe our Lord hath chofen Sion: he hath chofen it for an habitation to himfelf.

<sup>14</sup> This is my <sup>e</sup>)reft for euer and euer: here wil I dwel becaufe I haue chofen it.

<sup>15</sup> Bleffing I wil bleffe her <sup>f</sup>)widow: her <sup>g</sup>)poore I wil fil with breades.

<sup>16</sup> Her <sup>h</sup>)Prieftes I wil clothe with faluation: and her <sup>i</sup>)fainctes shal reioyce with ioyfulnes.

<sup>17</sup> <sup>j</sup>)Thither wil I bring forth a horne to Daud, I haue prepared <sup>k</sup>)a lampe to my Chrif.

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<sup>a</sup> Henceforth to the end of this Pfalme, the Prophet relateth Gods reuelation to him: That he hath truly promifed vvith an oath,

<sup>b</sup> and vvil performe,

<sup>c</sup> to fette one of Dauids fonnes vpon his Throne: vvwhich vvas not only fulfilled in Salomon, vvho reigned in great peace, and builded the Temple, but efpecially in Chrif the Sonne of Daud, to vvhom our Lord God gaue the feate of Daud 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 Chrifths Refurrection. *Act. 2. v. 30.*

<sup>d</sup> 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.*

<sup>e</sup> Sion, the Catholique Church, is a perpetual place where God dwelleth.

<sup>f</sup> The Church vvanting Chrifths vifible prefence, is replenifhed vvith manie bleffinges,

<sup>g</sup> and al her humble children are releued vvith holie Sacraments.

<sup>h</sup> The Church hath alwayes fome holie Prieftes,

<sup>i</sup> and fome holie people.

<sup>j</sup> Of his Church, elected by God, Chrif is the Protector, and ftrong defence.

<sup>k</sup> And the fame Church fhall be a perpetual lampe, vvherby others may come to him.

<sup>18</sup> His enemies I wil clothe with confufion: but  
vpon him shal my fanctification florish.