

Psalme 141

Holie Daud being fled into a caue, and befeeged round about by Sauls armie, explicating his diftreffe, 6. prayeth to be deliuered.

Dauids prayer
in extreme
diftreffe.
The 8. key.

Of ^{a)}vnderstanding to Daud, when he was in the caue, a prayer. *1. Reg. 24.*

Vith my voice I ^{b)}haue cried to our Lord:
with my voice I haue prayed to our Lord:
³I powre out my prayer in his fight, and I pronounce my tribulation before him.

^{4c)}When my fpirit faileth of myself, and ^{d)}thou haft knowne my pathes.

In this way, which I walked, they hid a fnare for me.

⁵I looked toward ^{e)}the right hand, and ^{f)}fay: and ^{g)}there was none that would know me.

Flight ^{h)}hath failed me: and there is none to require my foule.

^a This Pfalme in forme of a prayer, fheveth vvhath cogitations Daud had in extreme danger.

^b Not with exterior voice, for fo he should haue detected himselfe, but with feruoure of fpirite.

^c VVhen by reafon of extremitie, I vvas not able to thinke hovv to helpe my felfe,

^d thou ô God knovving my actions and demeanour, didft deliuer me.

^e I looked for helpe,

^f and diligently looked about me,

^g but none vvould feme to knovv me, vvhen I required their helpe.

^h Endeuring to faue my felf by flight, I found no fecure place, for being in a caue or hole of a montaine, the vvhole armie befeeged me; al feeke to take avvay my life, none to faue it.

⁶ a) I haue cried to thee ô Lord, I haue sayd: Thou art ^{b)}my hope, ^{c)}my portion, ^{d)}in the land of the liuing.

⁷ Attend to my petition: because I am ^{e)}humbled exceedingly.

Deliuier me from them that perfecute me: because they are made fstrong ouer me.

⁸ Bring forth my foule out of prifon, ^{f)}to confesse vnto thy name: ^{g)}the iuft expect me, ^{h)}til thou reward me.

^a Thus left defolate of al mans helpe, and deftitute of al vvorldlie fhift, I cried to thee ô Lord,

^b my only hopeful refuge.

^c Neither do I defire to liue for anie vvorldlie refpect, but hauing chofen thee ô God for my portion, and inheritance,

^d I defire to be out of this defert place, and to be in the land, vvhere is right vfe of religious diuine feruice.

^e Afflicted.

^f Dauids defire of libertie, was efpecially to this end, that he might haue conuenient place, and other meanes to ferue and praife God:

^g the good, and vveldifpofed people of Ifrael, can not now ferue thee as they defire, but expect me,

^h whom thou, ô Lord, vvilt aduance to the kingdom, that then vve may ferue thee, more freely and more commodioufly.

Al this happened in figure of Chrif, of vvhom prophetically S. Auguftin, S. Hilarie, Caffianus, Caffiodorus, and others expound the vvhole Pfalme. Amongft others S. Beda briefly in thefe vvordes. VVheras in the title, Vnderftanding is premifed to Prayer, therby is fignified, that Dauid in his deftreffes, and in the denne whither he fled, vnderftood vvhat our Lord fhould fuffer of the Ievves, and hovv he vvould pray to his Father. In the firft part our Lord crieth to his Father, complaining of the deteftable deceiptes of Iudas the perfecutor. In the fecond he prayeth to be deliuered from the prifon of hel (Limbus, vvhere he vvvas free) because the faith of al the Sainctes depended on his Refurrection.

The prophetical fenfe of this Pfalme.