

Psalme 144

*God is, and for euer ought to be praied, 3. for his immenſiue, infinite, glorious Maieſtie, meruelous workes, merciful benefites; for his powre, wiſdom, iuſtice, 19. who wil reward the good, and deſtroy the wicked.*

Gods Maieſtie  
excelleth al  
thinges.  
The 1. key.

Praying, <sup>a)</sup>to Daudi himſelfe.

**I** <sup>♯</sup>wil exalt thee my God <sup>b)</sup>the king: and I wil bleſſe thy name <sup>c)</sup>for euer, and <sup>d)</sup>for euer and euer.

<sup>2</sup> Euerie day wil I bleſſe thee: and wil praife thy name for euer, and for euer and euer.

<sup>3</sup> Great is our Lord and exceding laudable, and of his greatnes there is no end.

<sup>4</sup> Generation and generation ſhal praife thy workes: and they ſhal pronounce thy powre.

<sup>5</sup> They ſhal ſpeake the magnificence of the glorie of thy holines: and ſhal tel thy meruelous workes.

<sup>6</sup> And they ſhal tel the force of thy <sup>e)</sup>terrible thinges: and ſhal declare thy greatnes:

<sup>7</sup> They ſhal vtter the memorie of the abundance of thy fwetnes: and in thy iuſtice they ſhal reioyce.

<sup>8</sup> Our Lord is pitiful and merciful: patient and very merciful.

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<sup>a</sup> By this title, Eſdras ſignifieth that the Holie Ghoſt, vvho indited al the Pſalmes to Gods praife, more ſpecially in theſe feuen laſt ſuggeſted to Daudi, and by him to al Gods ſeruants, that al their other ſeruiſe muſt tend, and be directed to the praife of God: and that therin vve muſt continevv, and finally reſt, as in the ſabbath of the feuenth day, ſignified (as S. Beda ſuppoſeth) by theſe feuen laſt Pſalmes of praife, eternally praifing our Lord God. For vvch principal end both Angels and Men, yea and al other creatures vvere made.

<sup>b</sup> King, is the proper epitheton of Chriſt, the Sonne of God, to whom, in his humanitie, God the Father promiſed the Church of al nations for his kingdom. *Pſal. 2.* in vvhom alſo the vvhole Bleſſed Trinitie is praied.

<sup>c</sup> Al the time of this vvorld they praife God,

<sup>d</sup> & after in eternitie.

<sup>e</sup> Of vvonderful and miraculous thinges, vvch ſtrike terrour into mens mindes.

<sup>9</sup> Our Lord is sweete to al: and his <sup>a)</sup>commiferations are ouer al his workes.

<sup>10</sup> Let al thy workes ô Lord confesse to thee: and let thy <sup>b)</sup>fainctes bleffe thee.

<sup>11</sup> They shal tel the glorie of thy kingdom: and shal speake thy might.

<sup>12</sup> That they may make thy might knowne to the children of men: and the glorie of the magnificence of thy kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> Thy kingdom is a kingdom <sup>c)</sup>of al worldes: and thy dominion in al generation and generation.

<sup>14</sup> <sup>d)</sup>Our Lord is faithful in al his wordes: and holie in al his workes.

<sup>15</sup> Our Lord <sup>d)</sup>lifteth vp al that fal: and fetteth vp al that are bruiwed.

<sup>16</sup> The eies of al hope in thee ô Lord: and thou geueft their meate in time conuenient.

<sup>17</sup> Thou openeft thy hand: and filleft <sup>e)</sup>euerie liuing creature with bleffing.

<sup>18</sup> Our Lord is iuft in al his wayes: and holie in al his workes.

<sup>19</sup> Our Lord is neere to al that inuocate him: to al that inuocate him in truth.

<sup>20</sup> He wil doe the wil of them that feare him, and wil heare their prayer, and faue them.

<sup>21</sup> Our Lord keepeth al that loue him: and he wil deftroy al finners.

<sup>22</sup> My mouth shal speake the prayfe of our Lord: and let al flesh bleffe his holie name for euer, and for euer and euer.

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<sup>a</sup> The effectes of Gods mercie in redeming, and recalling finners, are eminent aboue al other workes.

<sup>b</sup> Therefore the fanctified haue fpecial caufe to praife God.

<sup>c</sup> Chrifts kingdom the militant Church is magnifical, but much more the triumphant vvhich is eternal.

<sup>d</sup> God is readie of his part to lift vp al.

<sup>e</sup> He geueth neccessarie thinges to al liuing creatures, euen to brute beaftes.

ANNOTATIONS

1 I wil exalt thee.) As this Pſalme is the firſt of the feuen, vvvhich conteyne more particular inſtruction of perpetually praifing God: ſo it is the feuenth of thoſe, vvvhich are compoſed in order of the Alphabet, to vvvitte, the 24. 33. 36. 110. 111. 118. and this 144. Of vvvhich the three former vvvant ſome letters: ſignifying (as Caffiodorus interpreteth) ſuch in Gods Church, as ſing his praifes, but vvwith ſome imperfections: the other foure haue the perfect Alphabet, ſignifying thoſe, that ſing Gods praifes vvwith perfect deuotion. VVhich only foure S. Ierom calleth Alphabetical Pſalmes. *Epift. ad Paulum Vrbicam. & Proæm. in Lament. Ierom.*

14 Our Lord is faithful.) This verſe is not novv in the ordinarie Hebrevv text, and therefore either the ſame is defectiue, or els this Pſalme ſhould ſeme not to be compoſed vvwith a perfect Alphabet in the fountaine tongue. For here it vvvanteth the letter Nun. But ſeing S. Ierom counteth this one of the foure Alphabetical Pſalmes, omitting the other three, vvvhich confiſt of vnperfect Alphabets, it is very probable that this verſe vvvas once in the Hebrevv text, as it is both in Greke & Latin. VVherby amongſt other places, appeareth, that there is no certaintie, to correct the Greke, or Latin Bible by the Hebrevv, vvvhich is novv extant; but rather by them that may be ſupplied, vvvhich the Hebrevv vvvan-teth.

The feuen laſt Pſalmes perteyne more ſpecially to prayſes. This Pſalme and other ſix are compoſed in order of the Alphabet.

It is probable that the Hebrevv text novv vvvanteth a verſe in this Pſalme. And therefore is not more certaine then the Greke or Latin.