

Psalme 144

God is, and for euer ought to be praied, 3. for his immenſue, 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, ^{a)}to Dauid himſelfe.

I ^{a)} wil exalt thee my God ^{b)} the king: and I wil bleſſe thy name ^{c)} for euer, and ^{d)} for euer and euer.

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

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

⁴ Generation and generation ſhal praife thy workes: and they ſhal pronounce thy powre.

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

⁶ And they ſhal tel the force of thy ^{e)} terrible thinges: and ſhal declare thy greatnes:

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

⁸ Our Lord is pitiful and merciful: patient and very merciful.

^a By this title, Eſdras ſignifieth that the Holie Ghoſt, vvho indited al the Pſalmes to Gods praife, more ſpecially in theſe feuen laſt fuggeſted to Dauid, 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 continue, 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 vvhiſh principal end both Angels and Men, yea and al other creatures vvere made.

^b 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 praifed.

^c Al the time of this vvorld they praife God,

^d & after in eternitie.

^e Of vvonderful and miraculous thinges, vvhiſh ſtrike terroure into mens mindes.

⁹ Our Lord is sweete to al: and his ^{a)}commiferations are ouer al his workes.

¹⁰ Let al thy workes ô Lord confesse to thee: and let thy ^{b)}fainctes bleffe thee.

¹¹ They shal tel the glorie of thy kingdom: and shal speake thy might.

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

¹³ Thy kingdom is a kingdom ^{c)}of al worldes: and thy dominion in al generation and generation.

¹⁴ ^{d)}Our Lord is faithful in al his wordes: and holie in al his workes.

¹⁵ Our Lord ^{d)}lifteth vp al that fal: and setteth vp al that are bruied.

¹⁶ The eies of al hope in thee ô Lord: and thou geuest their meate in time conuenient.

¹⁷ Thou openest thy hand: and fillest ^{e)}euerie liuing creature with bleffing.

¹⁸ Our Lord is iust in al his wayes: and holie in al his workes.

¹⁹ Our Lord is neere to al that inuocate him: to al that inuocate him in truth.

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

²¹ Our Lord keepeth al that loue him: and he wil destroy al finners.

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

^a The effectes of Gods mercie in redeming, and recalling finners, are eminent aboue al other workes.

^b Therefore the sanctified haue special caufe to praife God.

^c Christs kingdom the militant Church is magnifical, but much more the triumphant vvhich is eternal.

^d God is readie of his part to lift vp al.

^e He geueth necessarie thinges to al liuing creatures, euen to brute beastes.

ANNOTATIONS

1 I wil exalt thee.) As this Psalm is the first of the feuen, vvhich conteyne more particular instruction of perpetually praifing God: fo it is the feuenth of thofe, vvhich are compofed in order of the Alphabet, to vvitte, the 24. 33. 36. 110. 111. 118. and this 144. Of vvhich the three former vuant fome letters: fignifying (as Caffiodorus interpreteth) fuch in Gods Church, as fing his praifes, but vvith fome imperfections: the other foure haue the perfect Alphabet, fignifying thofe, that fing Gods praifes vvith perfect deuotion. VVhich only foure S. Ierom calleth Alphabetical Pfalmes. *Epift. ad Paulum Vrbicam. & Proæm. in Lament. Ierom.*

14 Our Lord is faithful.) This verfe is not novv in the ordinarie Hebrevv text, and therefore either the fame is defectiue, or els this Psalm fould feme not to be compofed vvith a perfect Alphabet in the fountaine tongue. For here it vvanteth the letter Nun. But feing S. Ierom counteth this one of the foure Alphabetical Pfalmes, omitting the other three, vvhich confift of vnperfect Alphabets, it is very probable that this verfe vvas once in the Hebrevv text, as it is both in Greke & Latin. VVherby amongft other places, appeareth, that there is no certaintie, to correct the Greke, or Latin Bible by the Hebrevv, vvhich is novv extant; but rather by them that may be fupplied, vvhich the Hebrevv vvanteth.

The feuen laft Pfalmes perteyne more fpecially to prayfes. This Psalm and other fix are compofed in order of the Alphabet.

It is probable that the Hebrevv text novv vvanteth a verfe in this Psalm. And therefore is not more certaine then the Greke or Latin.