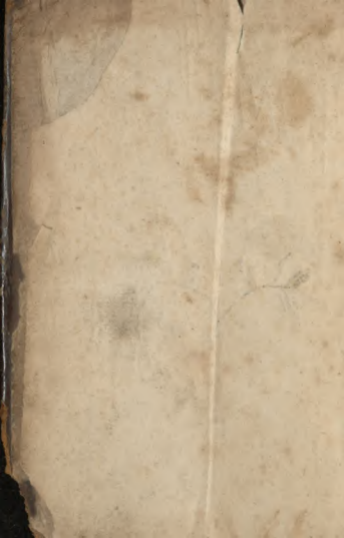




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P S A L M I.

This psalm teacheth, that no ungodly man is blessed, but the godly man only, *vers.* 1. 2. ; which is proved by three reasons. The first, because God doth bless the godly even in this life with grace to bring forth good works, profitable to themselves and others, in every state of life, *vers.* 3. ; but all that the wicked do for making themselves happy, shall be blasted, and found to be mere vanity, *vers.* 4. Another reason is, because after this life the wicked shall be secluded from the presence of God, and society of the godly, at the day of judgment, *vers.* 5. The third reason, confirming both the former, is, because God approveth the way of the godly, and will make the end of the way of the ungodly, destruction, *vers.* 6.

THAT man hath perfect blessedness,
who walketh not astray
In counsel of ungodly men,
nor stands in sinners way,

- Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair :
- 2 But placeth his delight
Upon God's law, and meditates
on his law day and night.
- 3 He shall be like a tree that grows
near planted by a river,
Which in his season yields his fruit,
and his leaf fadeth never :
And all he doth, shall prosper well.
- 4 The wicked are not so :
But like they are unto the chaff
which wind drives to and fro.
- 5 In judgment therefore shall not stand
such as ungodly are ;
Nor in th' assembly of the just
shall wicked men appear.
- 6 For why ? the way of godly men
unto the Lord is known :
Whereas the way of wicked men
shall quite be overthrown.

P S A L M II.

That this psalm doth mainly, if not only, concern Christ, appeareth by this, That it hath not so much as David's name in the inscription, albeit he did write it, and by *Acts* iv. 25. 26. where it is appropriate to Christ. This psalm hath two parts. In the former is set down the stability of Christ's kingdom, against all the enemies thereof, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. *First*, Because God the Father taketh part with his Son, against all his enemies, and will establish Christ's kingdom, maugre them all, *vers.* 4. 5. 6. *Secondly*, Because in

in the covenant of redemption, the Father hath promised to the Son enlargement of his kingdom, and victory over all his enemies, *vers.* 7. 8. 9. In the latter part of the psalm, the prophet delivereth the use of this doctrine, in an exhortation to great and small, to repent of their sins, and to believe in Christ, *vers.* 10. 11. 12.

- 1 **W**HY rage the heathen? and vain things
why do the people mind?
- 2 Kings of the earth do set themselves,
and princes are combin'd
To plot against the Lord, and his
Anointed, saying thus,
- 3 Let us asunder break their bands,
and cast their cords from us.
- 4 He that in heaven sits, shall laugh:
the Lord shall scorn them all.
- 5 Then shall he speak to them in wrath,
in rage he vex them shall.
- 6 Yet, notwithstanding, I have him
to be my King appointed:
And over Sion my holy hill
I have him King anointed.
- 7 The sure decree I will declare:
The Lord hath said to me,
Thou art mine only Son, this day
I have begotten thee.
- 8 Ask of me, and for heritage
the heathen I'll make thine,
And for possession I to thee
will give earth's utmost line.

- 9 Thou shalt, as with a weighty rod
of iron, break them all;
And, as a potter's sherd, thou shalt
them dash in pieces small.
- 10 Now therefore, kings, be wise; be taught,
ye judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve God in fear, and see that ye
join trembling with your mirth.
- 12 Kifs ye the Son, lest in his ire
ye perish from the way,
If once his wrath begin to burn:
bless'd all that on him stay.

P S A L M III.

A psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom
his son.

This psalm holdeth forth a notable proof and benefit of faith in David's experience; who, when his own son Absalom rebelled against him, and forced him to flee for fear of his life, did, *first*, lay before the Lord his pitiful condition, *vers.* 1. 2. *Secondly*, He settled his faith on God, prayed, and obtained a comfortable answer, was quiet and refreshed in soul and body, and made confident against all fears possible, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. 6. *Thirdly*, He continueth in prayer, confirming his faith from former experience, *vers.* 7. And, *lastly*, he giveth forth the use of his experience to the church's edification in a general doctrine, *vers.* 8.

- 1 **O** Lord, how are my foes increas'd?
against me many rise.
- 2 Many say of my soul, For him
in God no succour lies.

- 3 Yet thou my shield and glory art,
th' uplifter of mine head.
- 4 I cry'd, and from his holy hill
the Lord me answer made.
- 5 I laid me down and slept, I wak'd,
for God sustained me.
- 6 I will not fear though thousands ten
set round against me be.
- 7 Arise, O Lord; save me, my God:
for thou my foes hast stroke
All on the cheek-bone, and the teeth
of wicked men hast broke.
- 8 Salvation doth appertain
unto the Lord alone:
Thy blessing, Lord, for evermore
thy people is upon.

P S A L M IV.

To the chief musician on Neginoth, A psalm
of David.

Another experience of David, as an example of a Christian sufferer, unjustly persecuted and scorned for his piety by his profane enemies, such as Saul and his courtiers were. Wherein, *first*, he setteth down his prayer, *vers.* 1. *Secondly*, Then being comforted in God, he insulteth over his enemies, and glorieth in God's favour, *vers.* 2. 3. *Thirdly*, He exhorteth his enemies to repentance, and faith in God, *vers.* 4. 5. *Fourthly*, He preferreth the blessedness of his estate above whatsoever the worldly man can enjoy, *vers.* 6. 7. 8.

I Give

- 1 **G**ive ear unto me when I call,
God of my righteousness:
Have mercy, hear my pray'r, thou hast
enlarg'd me in distress.
- 2 O ye the sons of men, how long
will ye love vanities?
How long my glory turn to shame,
and will ye follow lyes?
- 3 But know, that for himself the Lord
the godly man doth chuse:
The Lord, when I on him do call,
to hear will not refuse.
- 4 Fear, and sin not, talk with your heart
on bed, and silent be.
- 5 Off'rings present of righteousness;
and in the Lord trust ye.
- 6 O who will shew us any good?
Is that which many say:
But of thy countenance the light,
Lord, lift on us alway.
- 7 Upon my heart bestow'd by thee
more gladness I have found,
Than they, ev'n then, when corn and wine
did most with them abound.
- 8 I will both lay me down in peace,
and quiet sleep will take:
Because thou only me to dwell
in safety, Lord, dost make.

P S A L M V.

To the chief musician upon Nehiloth, A psalm of David.

David, as a type of Christ, and one of the number of his afflicted followers, set forth in his affliction, as an example of exercise to others in after ages, doth pray for himself, and against his enemies; using sundry arguments to strengthen himself in his hope to be heard: *First*, From the grace of God bestowed on himself to use the means, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. *Secondly*, From the justice of God against his wicked enemies, *vers.* 4. 5. 6. *Thirdly*, From his own stedfast purpose and desire to continue in God's service, and to walk so uprightly, as the enemy shall not have advantage of him by his miscarriage, *vers.* 7. 8. *Fourthly*, From the ripeness of sin in his adversaries, which did prepare them for sudden destruction, *vers.* 9. 10. *Fifthly*, From the certain hope of joy, and defence, and spiritual blessing, to be bestowed on himself and all believers, out of the free love and favour of God toward them, *vers.* 11. 12.

- 1 **G**ive ear unto my words, O Lord,
my meditation weigh.
- 2 Hear my loud cry, my King, my God;
for I to thee will pray.
- 3 Lord, thou shalt early hear my voice;
I early will direct
My pray'r to thee, and looking up
an answer will expect.
- 4 For thou art not a God that doth
in wickedness delight:
Neither shall evil dwell with thee,
- 5 Nor fools stand in thy sight:

- All that ill-doers are, thou hat'st ;
6 Cutt'st off that lyars be :
The bloody and deceitful man
abhorred is by thee.
- 7 But I into thy house will come
in thine abundant grace :
And I will worship in thy fear
toward thy holy place.
- 8 Because of those mine enemies,
Lord, in thy righteousness
Do thou me lead ; do thou thy way
make straight before my face.
- 9 For in their mouth there is no truth,
their inward part is ill ;
Their throat's an open sepulchre,
their tongue doth flatter still.
- 10 O God, destroy them, let them be
by their own counsel quell'd :
Them for their many sins cast out,
for they 'gainst thee rebell'd.
- 11 But let all joy that trust in thee,
and still make shouting noise ;
For them thou sav'st : let all that love
thy name, in thee rejoice.
- 12 For, Lord, unto the righteous man
thou wilt thy blessing yield ;
With favour thou wilt compass him
about, as with a shield.

P S A L M VI.

To the chief musician on Neginoth upon She-
minith, A psalm of David.

Another experience of David, useful to be known by all the children of God, who are subject to the like exercise; wherein David, being under the sense of the Lord's heavy hand upon his body and spirit, prayeth for the removal of felt wrath, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. Next, prayeth for the renewed feeling and experience of God's mercy towards him, laying forth his lamentable condition before the pitiful eye of God, *vers.* 4. 5. 6. 7. After which, being heard and comforted, in the *third* place, he desisteth, and triumpheth over all his enemies, *vers.* 8. 9.

- 1 **I**N thy great indignation,
O Lord, rebuke me not :
Nor on me lay thy chastning hand
in thy displeasure hot.
- 2 Lord, I am weak, therefore on me
have mercy, and me spare :
Heal me, O Lord, because thou know'st
my bones much vexed are.
- 3 My soul is vexed sore : but, Lord,
how long stay wilt thou make ?
- 4 Return, Lord, free my soul, and save
me, for thy mercies sake.
- 5 Because of thee in death there shall
no more remembrance be :
Of those that in the grave do lie,
who shall give thanks to thee ?

- 6 I with my groning weary am,
and all the night my bed
I caused for to swim : with tears
my couch I watered.
- 7 By reason of my vexing grief,
mine eye consumed is ;
It waxeth old because of all
that be mine enemies.
- 8 But now depart from me, all ye
that work iniquity ;
For why, the Lord hath heard my voice,
when I did mourn and cry.
- 9 Unto my supplication
the Lord did hearing give :
When I to him my prayer make,
the Lord will it receive.
- 10 Let all be sham'd, and troubled sore,
that en'mies are to me ;
Let them turn back, and suddenly
ashamed let them be.

P S A L M VII.

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the Lord,
concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

The prophet, as a type of Christ mystical, and an example of Christians suffering, being slandered of treason against his prince, by one of the courtiers, *first*, flieth to God for delivery, *vers.* 1. 2. *Secondly*, Cleareth his innocency, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. *Thirdly*, Requesteth the Lord to judge between him and his enemies, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. 9. And, *fourthly*,

in prayer is made confident, that the Lord will plead for him against his enemies, *vers.* 10. 11. 12. 13. and will return their devised mischief against him, upon their own head, *vers.* 14. 15. 16. Whereupon, in the *last* place, he promiseth praise to God for his righteous judgment, *vers.* 17.

O Lord my God, in thee do I
my confidence repose :
Save and deliver me from all
my persecuting foes.

Lest that the enemy my soul
should like a lion tear,
In pieces renting it, while there
is no deliverer.

O Lord my God, if it be so,
that I committed this ;
If it be so, that in my hands
iniquity there is ;
If I rewarded ill to him
that was at peace with me ;
(Yea, ev'rt the man that without cause
my foe was, I did free)

Then let the foe pursue, and take
my soul, and my life thrust
Down to the earth, and let him lay
mine honour in the dust.

Rise in thy wrath, Lord, raise thyself,
for my foes raging be :
And to the judgment, which thou hast
commanded, wake for me.

- 7 So shall th' assembly of thy folk
about encompass thee :
Thou therefore, for their sakes, return
unto thy place on high.
- 8 The Lord he shall the people judge :
my judge, JEHOVAH, be,
After my righteousness, and mine
integrity in me.
- 9 O let the wicked's malice end,
but stablish stedfastly
The righteous : for the righteous God
the hearts and reins doth try.
- 10 In God, who saves th' upright in heart,
is my defence and stay.
- 11 God just men judgeth, God is wroth
with ill men ev'ry day.
- 12 If he do not return again,
then he his sword will whet ;
His bow he hath already bent,
and hath it ready set.
- 13 He also hath for him prepar'd
the instruments of death :
Against the persecutors he
his shafts ordained hath.
- 14 Behold, he with iniquity
doth travail as in birth ;
A mischief he conceived hath,
and falsehood shall bring forth.

- 5 He made a pit, and digg'd it deep,
 another there to take ;
 But he is fall'n into the ditch
 which he himself did make.
- 6 Upon his own head his mischief
 shall be returned home ;
 His violent dealing also down
 on his own pate shall come.
- 7 According to his righteousness
 the Lord I'll magnify :
 And will sing praise unto the name
 of God that is most high.

P S A L M VIII.

To the chief musician upon Gittith, A psalm
 of David.

To the end the Prophet may commend the glory of God's
 grace toward man, he, *first*, admireth his glory in the works
 of creation and providence, which are able to stop the
 mouths of all blasphemous Atheists, *vers.* 1. 2. In the
second place, he admireth the Lord's love to man above
 all other, even the most glorious creatures, *vers.* 3. 4.
Thirdly, He setteth out this grace of God to man, in the
 incarnation, humiliation, and exaltation of Christ for man's
 cause, and for restoring of redeemed man in Christ, to
 their right unto, and over the visible creatures, *vers.* 5. 6.
 7. 8. And closeth the psalm, with the admiration of God's
 glory in all the earth, *vers.* 9.

HOW excellent in all the earth,
 Lord our Lord, is thy name !

- Who hast thy glory far advanc'd
above the starry frame.
- 2 From infants and from sucklings mouth
thou didest strength ordain,
For thy foes cause, that so thou might'st
th' avenging foe restrain.
- 3 When I look up unto the heav'ns,
which thine own fingers fram'd,
Unto the moon, and to the stars,
which were by thee ordain'd;
- 4 Then say I, What is man, that he
remembred is by thee?
Or what the son of man, that thou
so kind to him shouldst be?
- 5 For thou a little lower hast
him than the angels made,
With glory and with dignity
thou crowned hast his head.
- 6 Of thy hand-works thou mad'st him lord;
all under's feet didst lay:
- 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and beasts
that in the field do stray:
- 8 Fowls of the air, fish of the sea,
all that pass through the same.
- 9 How excellent in all the earth,
Lord, our Lord, is thy name!

P S A L M IX.

To the chief musician upon Muth-labben, A
psalm of David.

Here is David's song of praise to God; *first*, for his own experience of God's goodness towards himself, and God's righteous judgment against his enemies, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. *Secondly*, For the Lord's readiness to do the like work, in favour of all the godly, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. *Thirdly*, He exhorteth the godly to praise God with him, *vers.* 11. 12. *Fourthly*, He prayeth for his own delivery out of his present distress, *vers.* 13. 14. *Fifthly*, He hath assurance of the overthrow of all his enemies, *vers.* 15. 16. 17. 18. And, *last* of all, for the execution of this overthrow, he heartily prayeth, *vers.* 19. 20.

Lord, thee I'll praise with all my heart,
thy wonders all proclaim.

In thee, Most High, I'll greatly joy,
and sing unto thy name.

When back my foes were turn'd, they fell,
and perish'd at thy sight.

For thou maintain'dst my right and cause,
on throne satt'st judging right.

The heathen thou rebuked hast,
the wicked overthrown;

Thou hast put out their names, that they
may never more be known.

O en'my! now destructions have
an end perpetual:

Thou cities raz'd, perish'd with them
is their memorial.

- 7 God shall endure for ay : he doth
for judgment set his throne :
- 8 In righteousness to judge the world,
justice to give each one.
- 9 God also will a refuge be
for those that are oppress'd ;
A refuge will he be, in times
of trouble, to distress'd.
- 10 And they that know thy name, in thee
their confidence will place :
For thou hast not forsaken them
that truly seek thy face.
- 11 O sing ye praises to the Lord,
that dwells in Sion hill :
And, all the nations among,
his deeds record ye still.
- 12 When he inquireth after blood,
he then remembreth them :
The humble folk he not forgets
that call upon his name.
- 13 Lord, pity me, behold the grief
which I from foes sustain,
Ev'n thou who from the gates of death
dost raise me up again :
- 14 That I, in Sion's daughters gates,
may all thy praise advance :
And that I may rejoice always
in thy deliverance.

The heathen are sunk in the pit,
 which they themselves prepar'd :
 And in the net which they have hid,
 their own feet fast are snar'd.

The Lord is by the judgment known,
 which he himself hath wrought :
 The sinners hands do make the snares
 wherewith themselves are caught.
 They, who are wicked, into hell
 each one shall turned be ;
 And all the nations that forget
 to seek the Lord most high.

For they that needy are, shall not
 forgotten be alway :
 The expectation of the poor
 shall not be lost for ay.
 Arise, Lord, let not man prevail :
 judge heathens in thy sight :
 That they may know themselves but men
 the nations, Lord, affright.

P S A L M X.

This psalm wanteth an inscription, and that in God's wisdom, that being less restricted to a particular man's case, it may be of more general use, whensoever the godly find themselves in a condition whereunto this prayer may be suitable, and especially in time of general persecution. The Prophet here complaineth to God, and craveth justice against the persecutors of his people, because of the intolerable wickedness of the oppressor, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. *Secondly,* He prayeth for hastning of the delivery
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of the Lord's people, and for hastening of judgment upon the persecutors, for vindication of the glory of God justice against his enemies, and of his mercy to his people *vers.* 12. 13. 14. 15. *Thirdly*, He professeth his confidence that he shall be heard, and so glorifieth God, *vers.* 17. 18.

- 1 **W**herefore is it, that thou, O Lord,
dost stand from us afar?
And wherefore hidest thou thyself,
when times so troublous are?
- 2 The wicked, in his loftiness,
doth persecute the poor:
In those devices they have fram'd,
let them be taken sure.
- 3 The wicked of his heart's desire
doth talk with boasting great;
He bleseth him that's covetous,
whom yet the Lord doth hate.
- 4 The wicked, through his pride of face,
on God he doth not call:
And in the counsels of his heart
the Lord is not at all.
- 5 His ways they always grievous are;
thy judgments from his sight
Removed are: at all his foes
he puffeth with despight.
- 6 Within his heart he thus hath said,
I shall not moved be;
And no adversity at all
shall ever come to me.

7 His mouth with cursing, fraud, deceit,
is fill'd abundantly :

And underneath his tongue, there is
mischief and vanity.

8 He closely sits in villages :
he slays the innocent :

Against the poor, that pass him by,
his cruel eyes are bent.

9 He lion-like lurks in his den :
he waits the poor to take :

And when he draws him in his net,
his prey he doth him make.

10 Himself he humbleth very low,
he croucheth down withal,

That so a multitude of poor
may by his strong ones fall.

11 He thus hath said within his heart,
The Lord hath quite forgot :

He hides his countenance, and he
for ever sees it not.

12 O Lord, do thou arise ; O God,
lift up thine hand on high :

Put not the meek afflicted ones
out of thy memory.

13 Why is it that the wicked man
thus doth the Lord despise ?

Because, that God will it require,
he in his heart denies.

- 14 Thou hast it seen, for their mischief
and spite thou wilt repay :
The poor commits himself to thee,
thou art the orphan's stay.
- 15 The arm break of the wicked man,
and of the evil one :
Do thou seek out his wickedness,
until thou findest none.
- 16 The Lord is King through ages all,
ev'n to eternity :
The heathen people from his land
are perish'd utterly.
- 17 O Lord, of those that humble are
thou the desire didst hear :
Thou wilt prepare their heart, and thou
to hear wilt bend thine ear :
- 18 To judge the fatherless, and those
that are oppressed sore ;
That man, that is but sprung of earth,
may them oppress no more.

P S A L M XI.

To the chief musician, *A psalm* of David.

David, as an example of a Christian under the trial of his faith in time of trouble, and tempted to desperation, resisted the temptation, how desperate soever his condition seemed, *vers.* 1. 2. ; and disputeth for the confirmation of his own faith, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.

In the Lord do put my trust :
how is it then that ye
Say to my soul, Flee as a bird
unto your mountain high ?
For lo, the wicked bend their bow,
their shafts on string they fit :
That those who upright are in heart
they privily may hit.

If the foundations be destroy'd,
what hath the righteous done ?
God in his holy temple is,
in heaven is his throne :
His eyes do see, his eye-lids try
mens sons. The just he proves :
But his soul hates the wicked man,
and him that violence loves.

Snares, fire, and brimstone, furious storms,
on sinners he shall rain :
This, as the portion of their cup,
doth unto them pertain.
Because the Lord most righteous doth
in righteousness delight,
And with a pleasant countenance
beholdeth the upright.

To the chief musician upon Sheminith, A psalm of David.

The Prophet having observed, as is set down, *vers.* 8. how wickedness lifteth up the head in all the land, when the places of power and trust do come in the hands of haughty and vile men, doth give direction by his own example unto the godly, first, to have their recourse to God by prayer while they are boune down by the wicked in such an ill time, *vers.* 1. 2. And, next, how to comfort themselves by the word of God pronouncing the sentence of justice upon a loose-tongued men, *vers.* 3. 4.; and promising delivery to the oppressed godly, and preservation of his church in all generations, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. howsoever he suffer wicked men to bear rule sometimes, and wickedness to abound by that means, *vers.* 8.

- 1 **H**Elp, Lord, because the godly man
doth daily fade away ;
And from among the sons of men
the faithful do decay.
- 2 Unto his neighbour ev'ry one
doth utter vanity :
They with a double heart do speak,
and lips of flattery.
- 3 God shall cut off all flatt'ring lips,
tongues that speak proudly, thus,
- 4 We'll with our tongue prevail, our lips
are curs : who's Lord o'er us ?
- 5 For poor oppress'd, and for the sighs
of needy, rise will I,

Saith God, and him in safety set
from such as him defy.

The words of God are words most pure ;
they be like silver try'd

In earthen furnace, seven times
that hath been purify'd.

Lord, thou shalt them preserve and keep
for ever from this race.

On each side walk the wicked, when
vile men are high in place.

P S A L M XIII.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

Another Christian experience, wherein David, under the sense of desertion, layeth forth his lamentable case before the Lord, *vers.* 1. 2.; prayeth for relief, *vers.* 3. 4.; and by faith is refreshed and comforted, *vers.* 5. 6.

HOW long wilt thou forget me, Lord,
shall it for ever be ?

O how long shall it be, that thou
wilt hide thy face from me ?

How long take counsel in my soul,
still sad in heart, shall I ?

How long exalted over me
shall be mine enemy ?

O Lord my God, consider well,
and answer to me make :

- Mine eyes enlighten, lest the sleep
of death me overtake ;
- 4 Lest that mine enemy should say,
Against him I prevail'd ;
And those that trouble me, rejoice,
when I am mov'd and fail'd.
- 5 But I have all my confidence
thy mercy set upon :
My heart within me shall rejoice
in thy salvation.
- 6 I will unto the Lord my God
sing praises chearfully,
Because he hath his bounty shown
to me abundantly.

P S A L M XIV.

To the chief musician, *A psalm* of David.

David, looking on the constitution of the visible church, and seeing the great body of the people lying in their natural state, working iniquity, and hating the truly godly amongst them, even to the death, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. comforteth the godly, *first*, by the care the Lord hath of them, in pleading their cause against the ungodly, *vers.* 4. 5. 6. ; and, next, by giving hope of better days for the godly, when, after sore plagues come on that people, Christ should manifest himself unto them, *vers.* 7.

- 1 **T**HAT there is not a God, the fool
doth in his heart conclude ;
They are corrupt, their work are vile,
not one of them doth good.

2 Upon

2 Upon mens sons the Lord from heav'n
 did cast his eyes abroad ;
 To see if any understood,
 and did seek after God.

3 They altogeth'er filthy are,
 they all aside are gone :
 And there is none that doeth good,
 yea, sure there is not one.
 These workers of iniquity,
 do they not know at all,
 That they my people eat as bread,
 and on God do not call ?

4 There fear'd they much : for God is with
 the whole race of the just.
 You shame the counsel of the poor,
 because God is his trust.
 Let Isr'el's help from Sion come.
 When back the Lord shall bring
 His captives, Jacob shall rejoice,
 and Israel shall sing.

P S A L M XV.

A psalm of David.

The Prophet, for distinguishing of the true members of the church from those who were only outwardly professors, asketh of the Lord, how the one may be known from the other? *vers.* 1.; and receiveth answer to the question, *vers.* 2. 3. 4. 5.

- 1 **W**ithin thy tabernacle, Lord,
 who shall abide with thee?
 And in thy high and holy hill
 who shall a dweller be?
- 2 The man that walketh uprightly,
 and worketh righteousness;
 And as he thinketh in his heart,
 so doth he truth express.
- 3 Who doth not slander with his tongue,
 nor to his friend doth hurt,
 Nor yet against his neighbour doth
 take up an ill report.
- 4 In whose eyes vile men are despis'd;
 but those that God do fear,
 He honoureth: and changeth not,
 though to his hurt he swear.
- 5 His coin puts not to usury,
 nor take reward will he
 Against the guiltless. Who doth thus,
 shall never moved be.

P S A L M XVI.

Michtam of David.

David, in this psalm, finding himself in the state of grace, prayeth for preservation in general, in relation unto all danger and evils of body and soul, and whatsoever other evil, from which a godly man, with allowance of God's word, might pray to be preserved. His only reason to assure himself to be heard, is, because he had gotten grace to trust in God. The sincerity of which faith in God, he proveth by sundry evidences.

evidences, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. In the *second* place, he climbeth up to the comfort and joy of believing; and all the grounds of joy whereupon he goeth, do serve both to confirm his faith, and to give him assurance of the granting of his prayer, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11.

Lord, keep me : for I trust in thee.

2 To God thus was my speech ;

Thou art my Lord, and unto thee

my goodness doth not reach :

To saints on earth, to th' excellent,

where my delight's all plac'd.

Their sorrows shall be multiply'd,

to other gods that haste :

Of their drink-offerings of blood

I will no off'ring make ;

Yea, neither I their very names

up in my lips will take.

God is of mine inheritance

and cup the portion :

The lot that fallen is to me,

thou dost maintain alone.

Unto me happily the lines

in pleasant places fell ;

Yea, the inheritance I got,

in beauty doth excel.

I bless the Lord, because he doth

by counsel me conduct :

And, in the seasons of the night,

my reins do me instruct.

- 8 Before me still the Lord I set :
 sith it is so, that he
 Doth ever stand at my right hand,
 I shall not moved be.
- 9 Because of this my heart is glad,
 and joy shall be exprest
 Ev'n by my glory : and my flesh
 in confidence shall rest.
- 10 Because my soul in grave to dwell
 shall not be left by thee ;
 Nor wilt thou give thine holy One
 corruption to see.
- 11 Thou wilt me shew the path of life :
 of joys there is full store
 Before thy face, at thy right hand
 are pleasures evermore.

P S A L M XVII.

A prayer of David.

This psalm, according to the inscription thereof, is, *A prayer of David, mixed with sundry reasons for helping.* Wherein, *first*, he craveth in general justice in the controversie between him and his oppressors, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. *Secondly*, More especially, he requesteth for a wise carriage of himself under this exercise, *vers.* 5. 6. *Thirdly*, Prayeth for protection and preservation from his enemies, *vers.* 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. *Fourthly*, For disappointment to his enemies, and for delivery of himself from them, *vers.* 13. 14. And cleaveth comfortably, in confidence of a good answer, and hope of satisfactory happiness, *vers.* 15.

I Lord

Lord, hear the right, attend my cry,
unto my pray'r give heed,
That doth not in hypocrisy
from feigned lips proceed.
And from before thy presence forth
my sentence do thou send:
Toward those things that equal are,
do thou thine eyes intend.

Thou prov'dst mine heart, thou visit'dst me
by night, thou didst me try,
Yet nothing found'st; for that my mouth
shall not sin, purpos'd I.
As for mens works, I, by the word
that from thy lips doth flow,
Did me preserve out of the paths
wherein destroyers go.

Hold up my goings, Lord; me guide
in those thy paths divine,
So that my footsteps may not slide
out of these ways of thine.

I called have on thee, O God,
because thou wilt me hear:
That thou mayst hearen to my speech,
to me incline thine ear.

Thy wondrous loving-kindness show,
thou that by thy right hand
Sav'st them that trust in thee, from those
that up against them stand.

- 8 As th' apple of the eye me keep ;
 in thy wings shade me close,
 9 From lewd oppressors, compassing
 me round, as deadly foes.
- 10 In their own fat they are inclos'd,
 their mouth speaks loftily.
 11 Our steps they compass'd ; and to ground
 down bowing set their eye.
- 12 He like unto a lion is,
 that's greedy of his prey ;
 Or lion young, which lurking doth
 in secret places stay.
- 13 Arise, and disappoint my foe,
 and cast him down, O Lord :
 My soul save from the wicked man,
 the man which is thy sword.
- 14 From men which are thy hand, O Lord,
 from worldly men me save,
 Which only in this present life
 their part and portion have :
- Whose belly with thy treasure hid
 thou fill'ft : they children have
 In plenty, of their goods the rest
 they to their children leave.
- 15 But as for me, I thine own face
 in righteousness will see :
 And with thy likeness, when I wake,
 I satisfy'd shall be.

P S A L M XVIII.

to the chief musician, *A psalm* of David, the servant of the Lord, who spake unto the Lord the words of this song in the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

David, in this psalm, as a type of Christ, and fellow-partaker of the sufferings of Christ in his mystical members, and of deliveries and victories over his and their enemies, being now settled in the kingdom, praiseth God for his marvellous mercies. And, as a type of Christ, he prophesieth of the enlargement and stability of his own kingdom, and of Christ's kingdom represented thereby. And, *first*, obligeth himself thankfully to depend upon God, whatsoever enemies he shall have to deal with, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. *Secondly*, He giveth a reason of his resolution, from the experience of the Lord's delivering of him out of his deepest distresses, *vers.* 4. 5. to *vers.* 19. *Thirdly*, He amplifieth this mercy, acknowledging that this was a fruit of his faith, and righteous dealing with his party-adversary; the like whereof every believer might expect, as well as he, for time coming, by reason of this his bygone large experience, from *vers.* 20. to *vers.* 30. *Fourthly*, He praiseth God in particular, for the experience he hath had in time bygone in warfare, and victories in battle, to *vers.* 43. *Fifthly*, As a type of Christ, he promiseth to himself the enlargement of his own kingdom, and prophesieth of the enlargement of Christ's kingdom among the Gentiles; for which he praiseth God, unto the end of the psalm, *vers.* 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50.

THee will I love, O Lord, my strength.

2 My fortress is the Lord,

My

My rock, and he that doth to me
deliverance afford :

My God, my strength, whom I will trust
a buckler unto me,

The horn of my salvation,
and my high tow'r is he.

3 Upon the Lord, who worthy is
of praises, will I cry :

And then shall I preserved be
safe from mine enemy.

4 Floods of ill men affrighted me,
death's pangs about me went.

5 Hell's sorrows me environed :
death's snares did me prevent.

6 In my distress I call'd on God,
cry to my God did I :

He from his temple heard my voice,
to his ears came my cry.

7 Th' earth, as affrighted, then did shake,
trembling upon it seiz'd ;

The hills foundations moved were,
because he was displeas'd.

8 Up from his nostrils came a smoke,
and from his mouth there came

Devouring fire, and coals by it
were turned into flame.

9 He also bowed down the heav'ns,
and thence he did descend :

And thickest clouds of darknes did
under his feet attend.

And he upon a cherub rode,
and thereon he did fly :

Yea, on the swift wings of the wind
his flight was from on high.

He darknes made his secret place :
about him for his tent

Dark waters were, and thickest clouds
of th' airy firmament.

And at the brightness of that light
which was before his eye,

His thick clouds pass'd away, hail-stones
and coals of fire did fly.

The Lord God also in the heav'ns
did thunder in his ire,

And there the Highest gave his voice,
hail-stones and coals of fire.

Yea, he his arrows sent abroad,
and them he scattered ;

His lightnings also he shot out,
and them discomfited.

The waters channels then were seen,
the world's foundations vast

At thy rebuke discov'ed were,
and at thy nostrils blast.

And from above the Lord sent down,
and took me from below,

From many waters he me drew,
which would me overflow.

17 He me reliev'd from my strong foes,
and such as did me hate :

Because he saw that they for me
too strong were, and too great.

18 They me prevented in the day
of my calamity :

But, even then, the Lord himself
a stay was unto me.

19 He to a place where liberty
and room was, hath me brought :

Because he took delight in me,
he my deliv'rance wrought.

20 According to my righteousness,
he did me recompence;

He me repaid according to
my hands pure innocence.

21 For I God's ways kept, from my God
did not turn wickedly.

22 His judgments were before me, I
his laws put not from me.

23 Sincere before him was my heart,
with him upright was I ;

And watchfully I kept myself
from mine iniquity.

24 After my righteousness the Lord
hath recompensed me,

After the cleanness of my hands
 appearing in his eye.

Thou gracious to the gracious art,
 to upright men upright.
 Pure to the pure, froward thou kyth'st
 unto the froward wight.

For thou wilt the afflicted save,
 in grief that low do lie :
 But wilt bring down the countenance
 of them whose looks are high.

The Lord will light my candle so,
 that it shall shine full bright :

The Lord my God will also make
 my darkness to be light.

By thee through troops of men I break,
 and them discomfit all :

And, by my God assisting me,
 I overleap a wall.

As for God, perfect is his way :
 the Lord his word is try'd :

He is a buckler to all those
 who do in him confide.

Who but the Lord is God ? but he
 who is a rock and stay ?

'Tis God that girdeth me with strength,
 and perfect makes my way.

He made my feet swift as the hinds,
 set me on my high places.

34 Mine hands to war he taught, mine arms
brake bows of steel in pieces.

35 The shield of thy salvation
thou didst on me bestow :
Thy right hand held me up, and great
thy kindness made me grow.

36 And in my way, my steps thou hast
enlarged under me ;

That I go safely, and my feet
are kept from sliding free.

37 Mine en'mies I pursued have,
and did them overtake :

Nor did I turn again, till I
an end of them did make.

38 I wounded them, they could not rise :
they at my feet did fall.

39 Thou girdedst me with strength for war :
my foes thou brought'st down all.

40 And thou hast giv'n to me the necks
of all mine enemies :

That I might them destroy and slay
who did against me rise.

41 They cried out, but there was none
that would or could them save :

Yea, they did cry unto the Lord,
but he no answer gave.

42 Then did I beat them small as dust
before the wind that flies :

- And I did cast them out like dirt
upon the street that lies.
- 2 Thou mad'st me free from people's strife,
and heathens head to be :
A people whom I have not known,
shall service do to me.
- 3 At hearing they shall me obey ;
to me they shall submit.
- 4 Strangers for fear shall fade away,
who in close places sit.
- 5 God lives, bless'd be my rock : the God
of my health praised be.
- 6 God doth avenge me, and subdues
the people under me.
- 7 He saves me from mine enemies :
yea, thou hast lifted me
Above my foes ; and from the man
of violence set me free.
- 8 Therefore to thee will I give thanks
the heathen folk among :
And to thy name, O Lord, I will
sing praises in a song.
- 9 He great deliv'rance gives his king :
his mercy doth extend
To David, his anointed one,
and his seed without end.

P S A L M XIX.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

This psalm is a sweet contemplation of the glory of God's wisdom, power, and goodness, shining in the works of creation, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.; and of the glory of his holiness, and rich grace, shining through his word and ordinances in his church, *vers.* 7. 8. 9. 10. Whereof the Prophet having proof, prayeth to have the right use and benefit, *vers.* 11. 12. 13. 14.

- 1 **T**HE heav'ns God's glory do declare :
the skies his hand-works preach.
- 2 Day utters speech to day, and night
to night doth knowledge teach.
- 3 There is no speech, nor tongue, to which
their voice doth not extend.
- 4 Their line is gone through all the earth,
their words to the world's end.

In them he set the sun a tent,

- 5 Who bridegroom-like forth goes
From's chamber, as a strong man doth,
to run his race, rejoice.
- 6 From heav'ns end is his going forth,
circling to th' end again :
And there is nothing from his heat
that hidden doth remain.
- 7 God's law is perfect, and converts
the soul in sin that lies :

God's

God's testimony is most sure,
and makes the simple wise.

The statutes of the Lord are right,
and do rejoice the heart :

The Lord's command is pure, and doth
light to the eyes impart.

Unspotted is the fear of God,
and doth endure for ever :

The judgments of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.

They more than gold, yea, much fine gold,
to be desired are :

Than honey, honey from the comb
that droppeth, sweeter far.

Moreover, they thy servant warn
how he his life should frame :

A great reward provided is
for them that keep the same.

Who can his errors understand ?
O cleanse thou me within

From secret faults. Thy servant keep
from all presumptuous sin,

And do not suffer them to have
dominion over me :

Then righteous and innocent
I from much sin shall be.

The words which from my mouth proceed,
the thoughts sent from my heart,

Accept, O Lord; for thou my strength
and my redeemer art.

P S A L M XX.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

This psalm was indited to the church in form of a prayer for the kings of Israel; but with a special eye upon, and relation unto Christ, the King of Israel. In respect of whom this prayer is a prophecy, and a form of blessing of Christ and praying for his kingdom; whereof the kingdom of Israel was a type; and the kings thereof are types of Christ. Not that the kingdom in every condition was figurative, or every king a type of him; but as the priests being taken not severally, one by one, but together, shadowed forth in something, Christ in the office of his priesthood; and the kings, not every one, but taken together, shadowed forth in something, Christ in his royal office, and the kingdom resembled his kingdom in his visible church in some things, and in his invisible church in other some things, leaving room to some persons, both among the priests and kings, to be more specially types than any of the rest in common, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. After which the church's confidence to be heard is set down, and their gloriation in God over their enemies, with dependence on God for salvation in all difficulties and straits, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. 9.

1 **J**EHOVAH hear thee in the day
when trouble he doth send:
And let the name of Jacob's God
thee from all ill defend.

2 O let him help send from above,
out of his sanctuary;
From Sion his own holy hill,
let him give strength to thee.

Let him remember all thy gifts,
 accept thy sacrifice ;
 Grant thee thine heart's wish, and fulfil
 thy thoughts and counsel wise.
 In thy salvation we will joy ;
 in our God's name we will
 Display our banners : and the Lord
 thy prayers all fulfil.

Now know I, God his king doth save :
 he from his holy heav'n
 Will hear him, with the saving strength
 by his own right hand giv'n.
 In chariots some put confidence,
 some horses trust upon :
 But we remember will the name
 of our Lord God alone.

We rise, and upright stand, when they
 are bowed down, and fall.
 Deliver, Lord, and let the King
 us hear when we do call.

P S A L M XXI.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

the former psalm was a prayer for the preservation of the kingdom of Israel, in relation to the kingdom of Christ, represented by it ; so this psalm is a form of thanksgiving unto God by the church, for blessing of the kingdom of Israel, representing the blessing, and cause of thanksgiving, to be found in Christ, and his kingdom ; wherein a number of good things is set forth, heaped upon the king, *verf.*

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.; and a number of miseries set forth heaped on the head of his enemies, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. for both which the Lord is glorified, *vers.* 13. The reason why the former psalm and this are referred in so many particulars unto Christ, is, because the verity of the things here spoken of, is to be sought in Christ, and his kingdom; for but in some few only of the kings, and in some few times of the kingdom only, was the shadow of what is here spoken of, to be found, when the whole history consulted.

- 1 **T**HE king in thy great strength, O Lord
shall very joyful be :
In thy salvation rejoyce
how veh'mently shall he ?
- 2 Thou hast bestowed upon him
all that his heart would have,
And thou from him didst not with-hold
whate'er his lips did crave.
- 3 For thou with blessings him prevent'st
of goodness manifold ;
And thou hast set upon his head
a crown of purest gold.
- 4 When he desired life of thee,
thou life to him didst give ;
Ev'n such a length of days, that he
for evermore should live.
- 5 In that salvation wrought by thee,
his glory is made great :
Honour and comely majesty
thou hast upon him set.

6 Because

Because that thou for evermore
most blessed hast him made :
And thou hast with thy countenance
made him exceeding glad.

Because the king upon the Lord
his confidence doth lay,
And, through the grace of the Most High,
shall not be mov'd away.
Thine hand shall all those men find out
that en'mies are to thee,
Ev'n thy right hand shall find out those
of thee that haters be.

Like fiery ov'n thou shalt them make,
when kindled is thine ire :
God shall them swallow in his wrath,
devour them shall the fire.
Their fruit from earth thou shalt destroy,
their seed men from among.
For they, beyond their might, 'gainst thee
did plot mischief and wrong.

Thou therefore shalt make them turn back,
when thou thy shafts shall place
Upon thy strings, made ready all
to fly against their face.
In thy great pow'r and strength, O Lord,
be thou exalted high :
So shall we sing with joyful hearts,
thy power praise shall we.

P S A L M XXII.

To the chief musician upon Aijeleth Shahar,
psalm of David.

This psalm is a prophecy of Christ's deepest suffering whereof David's exercise is a type. The agony of *fi* in Christ, and wrestling of David's faith as the type, is down to *vers.* 22.; and the victory, and the outgate, to end of the psalm. In the exercise there are *three* conflicts between sense and faith. The *first* conflict, wherein sense of trouble is set down, *vers.* 1. 2.; and faith's wrestling against it, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. The *second* conflict, wherein is *second* assault of sense, *vers.* 6. 7. 8.; and faith's wrestling against it, *vers.* 9. 10. 11. The *third* conflict, wherein *third* assault of sense is, *vers.* 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. and faith's wrestling with it, *vers.* 19. 20. 21. Then follows the victory, set forth, *first*, in a promise of praise, *vers.* 22.; *secondly*, in an exhortation to all the godly, to praise the Lord, with a reason from his experience, *vers.* 23. 24. *thirdly*, in a renewed promise of praise and thanks, to edification of the church, *vers.* 25.; *fourthly*, in a prophecy of the increase of God's glory in the earth, a fruit of Christ's suffering and victory, *vers.* 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31.

- 1 **M**Y God, my God, why hast thou me
forfaken? why so far
Art thou from helping me, and from
my words that roring are?
- 2 All day, my God, to thee I cry,
yet am not heard by thee;
And in the season of the night
I cannot silent be.

But thou art holy, thou that dost
inhabit Isr'el's praise.

Our fathers hop'd in thee, they hop'd,
and thou didst them release.

When unto thee they sent their cry,
to them deliv'rance came :

Because they put their trust in thee,
they were not put to shame.

But as for me, a worm I am,
and as no man am priz'd :

Reproach of men I am, and by
the people am despis'd.

All that me see, laugh me to scorn :
shoot out the lip do they,

They nod and shake their heads at me,
and mocking, thus do say,

This man did trust in God, that he
would free him by his might :

Let him deliver him, sith he
had in him such delight.

But thou art he out of the womb
that didst me safely take :

When I was on my mother's breasts,
thou me to hope didst make.

And I was cast upon thy care,
ev'n from the womb till now :

And from my mother's belly, Lord,
my God and guide art thou.

- 11 Be not far off, for grief is near,
and none to help is found.
- 12 Bulls many compass me; strong bulls
of Bashan me surround.
- 13 Their mouths they op'ned wide on me,
upon me gape did they,
Like to a lion ravening,
and roring for his prey.
- 14 Like water I'm pour'd out, my bones
all out of joint do part:
Amidst my bowels, as the wax,
so melted is my heart.
- 15 My strength is like a potsherd dry'd:
my tongue it cleaveth fast
Unto my jaws; and to the dust
of death thou brought me hast.
- 16 For dogs have compass'd me about:
the wicked that did meet
In their assembly, me inclos'd;
they pierc'd my hands and feet.
- 17 I all my bones may tell: they do
upon me look and stare.
- 18 Upon my vesture lots they cast,
and cloaths among them share.
- 19 But be not far, O Lord, my strength;
haste to give help to me.
- 20 From sword my soul, from pow'r of dogs
my darling, set thou free.

Out of the roring lion's mouth
do thou me shield and save :
For from the horns of unicorns
an ear to me thou gave.

I will shew forth thy name unto
those that my brethren are :
Amidst the congregation
thy praise I will declare.

Praise ye the Lord, who do him fear :
him glorify, all ye
The seed of Jacob ; fear him, all
that Isr'el's children be.

For he despis'd not, nor abhorr'd
th' afflicted's misery :
Nor from him hid his face, but heard
when he to him did cry.

Within the congregation great
my praise shall be of thee :
My vows before them that him fear
shall be perform'd by me.
The meek shall eat, and shall be fill'd ;
they also praise shall give
Unto the Lord, that do him seek ;
your heart shall ever live.

All ends of th' earth remember shall,
and turn the Lord unto :
All kindreds of the nations
to him shall homage do :

- 28 Because the kingdom to the Lord
doth appertain, as his :
Likewise among the nations
the governor he is.
- 29 Earth's fat ones eat, and worship shall :
all who to dust descend,
Shall bow to him : none of them can
his soul from death defend.
- 30 A seed shall service do to him ;
unto the Lord it shall
Be for a generation
reck'ned in ages all.
- 31 They shall come, and they shall declare
his truth and righteousness
Unto a people yet unborn,
and that he hath done this.

P S A L M XXIII.

A psalm of David.

This psalm is the expression of the Prophet's confidence in God's grace; wherein, from the settling himself in the belief of our covenanted relation between God and him, he doth draw sundry comfortable conclusions and confirmation of faith, from it, concerning the Lord's furnishing every necessary good thing to him, *vers.* 1. 2. ; for recovery of him from every evil condition, wherein he may fall, *vers.* 3. ; and for assisting and comforting him in the greatest danger he could fall into, *vers.* 4. ; and for making him blessed in despite of his enemies, *vers.* 5. ; and for his continuing in God's grace and fellowship for ever, *vers.* 6.

THE Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
 He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green : he leadeth me
 the quiet waters by.
 My soul he doth restore again ;
 and me to walk doth make
 Within the paths of righteousness,
 ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 yet will I fear none ill :
 For thou art with me, and thy rod
 and staff me comfort still.
 My table thou hast furnished,
 in presence of my foes :
 My head thou dost with oil anoint,
 and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
 shall surely follow me :
 And in God's house for evermore
 my dwelling-place shall be.

P S A L M XXIV.

A psalm of David.

he Psalmist having, in the *first* place, set down God's lordship in the world, that he may thereby commend the special prerogative of the true church, *vers.* 1. 2. describeth, in the *next* place, the true citizens of this spiritual kingdom, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. 6. and exhorteth, in the *third* place, all incorporations, and in special the visible church, to accept the offer of a more entire communion with God in

Christ, that they may enjoy the spiritual privileges of the subjects of the invisible and spiritual kingdom, *vers.* 7. 9. 10.

- 1 **T**HE earth belongs unto the Lord,
and all that it contains ;
The world that is inhabited,
and all that there remains.
- 2 For the foundations thereof
he on the seas did lay,
And he hath it established
upon the floods to stay.
- 3 Who is the man that shall ascend
into the hill of God ?
Or who within his holy place
shall have a firm abode ?
- 4 Whose hands are clean, whose heart is pure
and unto vanity
Who hath not lifted up his soul,
nor sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He from th' Eternal shall receive
the blessing him upon,
And righteousness, ev'n from the God
of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation
that after him inquire,
O Jacob, who do seek thy face
with their whole hearts desire.

- 7 Ye gates, lift up your heads on high,
ye doors that last for ay,
Be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
- 8 But who of glory is the King?
the mighty Lord is this,
Ev'n that same Lord, that great in might
and strong in battle is.
- 9 Ye gates, lift up your heads, ye doors,
doors that do last for ay,
Be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
- 10 But who is he that is the King
of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

P S A L M XXV.

A psalm of David.

In this psalm, the Prophet being in danger of his life by his enemies without, and troubled with the sense of sin within, maketh his prayer for relief from both, mixing meditation with prayer along the psalm, for strengthening of his faith. 10. *first*, he prayeth, from *vers.* 1. to *vers.* 8.; then meditateth, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. In the *third* place, he prayeth again, *vers.* 11. In the *fourth* is a new meditation, *vers.* 12. 13. 14. 15. In the *last* place, is a prayer, from *vers.* 16. to the end.

TO thee I lift my soul, O Lord:
My God I trust in thee:

Let me not be ashamed; let not
my foes triumph o'er me.

3 Yea, let thou none ashamed be
that do on thee attend:

Ashamed let them be, O Lord,
who without cause offend.

4 Thy ways, Lord, shew; teach me thy paths:

5 Lead me in truth, teach me:

For of my safety thou art God,
all day I wait on thee.

6 Thy mercies that most tender are,
do thou, O Lord, remember,
And loving-kindnesses: for they
have been of old for ever.

7 Let not the errors of my youth,
nor sins rememb'ed be:

In mercy, for thy goodness sake,
O Lord, remember me.

8 The Lord is good and gracious,
he upright is also:

He therefore sinners will instruct
in ways that they should go.

9 The meek and lowly he will guide
in judgment just alway:

To meek and poor afflicted ones
he'll clearly teach his way.

10 The whole paths of the Lord our God
are truth and mercy sure,

To such as keep his covenant,
-and testimonies pure.

1 Now for thine own name's sake, O Lord,
I humbly thee intreat

To pardon mine iniquity :
for it is very great.

2 What man fears God? him shall he teach
the way that he shall chuse.

3 His soul shall dwell at ease, his seed
the earth, as heirs, shall use.

4 The secret of the Lord is with
such as do fear his name,
And he his holy covenant
will manifest to them.

5 Towards the Lord my waiting eyes
continually are set :
For he it is that shall bring forth
my feet out of the net.

6 O turn thee unto me, O God,
have mercy me upon :
Because I solitary am,
and in affliction.

7 Enlarg'd the griefs are of mine heart :
me from distress relieve.

8 See mine affliction and my pain,
and all my sins forgive.

9 Consider thou mine enemies,
because they many are,

And

And it a cruel hatred is,
which they against me bear.

20 O do thou keep my soul, O God,
do thou deliver me :

Let me not be ashamed ; for I
do put my trust in thee.

21 O let integrity and truth
keep me, who thee attend.

22 Redemption, Lord, to Israel
from all his troubles send.

P S A L M XXVI.

A psalm of David.

David being oppressed by the judges of the land, his powerful adversaries, and being exiled from the house of God, he appealeth to God, the supreme judge, in the testimony of a good conscience ; bearing him witness, *first*, of his endeavour to walk uprightly as became a believer, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. ; and, *secondly*, of his keeping himself from the contagion of the evil counsel, sinful courses, and example of the wicked, *vers.* 4. 5. ; *thirdly*, of his purpose still to behave himself holily and righteously, out of love to be partaker of the public privileges of the Lord's people in the congregation, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. Whereupon he prayeth to be free of the judgment coming on the wicked, *vers.* 9. 10. according as he was purposed to eschew their sins, *vers.* 11. And he closeth his prayer with comfort and assurance to be heard, *vers.* 12.

1 **J**udge me, O Lord, for I have walk'd
in mine integrity :

I trusted also in the Lord ;

slide therefore shall not I.

Examine me, and do me prove ;

try heart and reins, O God.

For thy love is before mine eyes,

thy truth's paths I have trode.

With persons vain I have not sat,

nor with dissemblers gone.

Th' assembly of ill men I hate :

to sit with such I shun.

Mine hands in innocence, O Lord,

I'll wash and purify :

So to thine holy altar go,

and compass it will I.

That I, with voice of thanksgiving,

may publish and declare,

And tell of all thy mighty works

that great and wondrous are.

The habitation of thy house,

Lord, I have loved well ;

Yea, in that place I do delight,

where doth thine honour dwell.

With sinners gather not my soul,

and such as blood would spill :

Whose hands mischievous plots, right hand

corrupting bribes do fill.

But as for me, I will walk on

in mine integrity :

Do thou redeem me, and, O Lord,
be merciful to me.

- 12 My foot upon an even place
doth stand with stedfastness :
Within the congregations
th' Eternal I will blefs.

P S A L M XXVII.

A psalm of David.

In this psalm David setteth down what use he had of his faith in God, in the time of his trouble ; and, *first*, how strengthened his faith, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. ; and, *next*, how he prayed, upon the foresaid grounds, *vers.* 7. 8. 10. 11. 12. ; and, *thirdly*, what advantage he had by believing in God, in the time of his exercise, *vers.* 1. Whereupon he exhorts all the godly to follow his example under hope to be helped, as he was helped, *vers.* 14.

- 1 **T**H E Lord's my light and saving health,
who shall make me dismayd ?
My life's strength is the Lord, of whom
then shall I be afraid ?
- 2 When as mine enemies and foes,
most wicked persons all,
To eat my flesh against me rose,
they stumbled and did fall.
- 3 Against me though an host incamp,
my heart yet fearless is :
Though war against me rise, I will
be confident in this.

ne thing I of the Lord desir'd,
and will seek to obtain,
hat all days of my life I may
within God's house remain.

hat I the beauty of the Lord
behold may and admire,
nd that I in his holy place
may rev'rently inquire.
or he in his pavilion shall
me hide in evil days :
secret of his tent me hide,
and on a rock me raise.

nd now, ev'n at this present time,
mine head shall lifted be
bove all those that are my foes,
and round encompasses me :
herefore unto his tabernacle
I'll sacrifices bring
f joyfulness, I'll sing, yea, I
to God will praises sing.

Lord, give ear unto my voice,
when I do cry to thee :
pon me also mercy have,
and do thou answer me.
hen thou didst say, Seek ye my face,
then unto thee reply
hus did my heart, Above all things
thy face, Lord, seek will I.

- 9 Far from me hide not thou thy face,
 put not away from thee
 Thy servant in thy wrath: thou hast
 an helper been to me.
 O God of my salvation
 leave me not, nor forsake.
- 10 Though me my parents both should leave
 the Lord will me up take.
- 11 O Lord, instruct me in thy way,
 to me a leader be
 In a plain path, because of those
 that hatred bear to me.
- 12 Give me not to mine en'mies will;
 for witnesses that lye,
 Against me risen are, and such
 as breathe out cruelty.
- 13 I fainted had, unless that I
 believed had to see
 The Lord's own goodness in the land
 of them that living be.
- 14 Wait on the Lord, and be thou strong,
 and he shall strength afford
 Unto thine heart, yea, do thou wait,
 I say, upon the Lord.

P S A L M XXVIII.

A psalm of David.

In the *first* part of this psalm, we have the Prophet's confessions
 again

ainst his enemies, such as in the former psalm is to be seen; wherein he prayeth for audience, *vers.* 1. 2. and delivery to himself, *vers.* 3. and that God would vindicate his own justice against his disdainful enemies, *vers.* 4. 5. the latter part, the Prophet having gotten comfort in his prayer, doth glorify God, *vers.* 6. and strengthens his own and the rest of the godly's faith, *vers.* 7. 8. and prayeth for a blessing to the church, *vers.* 9.

TO thee I'll cry, O Lord, my rock,
 hold not thy peace to me :
 lest, like those that to pit descend,
 I by thy silence be.

The voice hear of my humble pray'rs,
 when unto thee I cry :
 when to thy holy oracle
 I lift mine hands on high.

With ill men draw me not away,
 that work iniquity :
 that speak peace to their friends, while in
 their hearts doth mischief lie.
 Give them according to their deeds,
 and ill's endeavoured :
 and as their handy-works deserve,
 to them be rendered.

God shall not build, but them destroy,
 who would not understand
 the Lord's own works, nor did regard
 the doing of his hand.
 For ever blessed be the Lord ;
 for graciously he heard

- The voice of my petitions,
and prayers did regard.
- 7 The Lord's my strength and shield, my hea
upon him did rely,
And I am helped; hence my heart
doth joy exceedingly;
And with my song I will him praise.
- 8 Their strength is God alone:
He also is the saving strength
of his anointed One.
- 9 O thine own people do thou save,
bless thine inheritance:
Them also do thou feed, and them
for evermore advance.

P S A L M XXIX.

A psalm of David.

David exhorteth princes and great men, to humble themselves before God, and to worship him, as he hath commanded in his public ordinances, *vers. 1. 2.* *First,* Because he is infinitely higher than they, and more terrible to all men than they can be to their subjects or inferiors, as the uttering of his majesty and power by thunder doth manifestly evident, *vers. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.* *Secondly,* Because he offereth the means of saving knowledge, even all his ordinances, whereby men may heartily glorify him in the assemblies, *vers. 9.* *Thirdly,* Because he is an everlasting King, and ruler of all the creatures, *vers. 10.* And, *fourthly,* Because such as do humbly submit themselves to him and worship him as his people should do, shall be furnished with abilities for every good work, and shall be abundantly blessed, *vers. 11.*

Give ye unto the Lord, ye sons
 that of the mighty be,
 All strength and glory to the Lord
 with chearfulness give ye.
 Unto the Lord the glory give
 that to his name is due ;
 And in the beauty of holiness
 unto JEHOVAH bow.

The Lord's voice on the waters is :
 the God of majesty
 Doth thunder, and on multitudes
 of waters sitteth he.
 A pow'rful voice it is that comes
 out from the Lord most high :
 The voice of that great Lord is full
 of glorious majesty.

The voice of the Eternal doth
 asunder cedars tear :
 Yea, God the Lord doth cedars break
 that Lebanon doth bear.
 He makes them like a calf to skip :
 ev'n that great Lebanon,
 And like to a young unicorn
 the mountain Sirion.

God's voice divides the flames of fire :
 The desert it doth shake :
 The Lord doth make the wilderness
 of Kadesh all to quake.

- 9 God's voice doth make the hinds to calve :
 it makes the forests bare :
 And in his' temple ev'ry one
 his glory doth declare.
- 10 The Lord sits on the floods : the Lord
 sits King, and ever shall.
- 11 The Lord will give his people strength,
 and with peace blefs them all.

P S A L M XXX.

A psalm and song, at the dedication of the house
 of David.

David praiseth God for his late deliverance from the hand of
 Absalom, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. And, *secondly*, He exhorteth others
 to praise God also for his mercies, *vers.* 4. 5. *Thirdly*,
 He confesseth his carnal security, and how he was correct-
 ed for it, *vers.* 6. 7. *Fourthly*, He sheweth how he prayed
 for mercy, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. And, *fifthly*, He praiseth the
 Lord for his gracious answer, *vers.* 11. 12.

- 1 **L**ord, I will thee extol, for thou
 hast lifted me on high,
 And over me thou to rejoice
 mad'st not mine enemy.
- 2 O thou who art the Lord my God,
 I in distress to thee
 With loud cries lifted up my voice,
 and thou hast healed me.

O Lord, my soul thou hast brought up,
and rescu'd from the grave :

That I to pit should not go down,
alive thou didst me save.

O ye that are his holy ones,
sing praise unto the Lord :

And give unto him thanks, when you
his holiness record.

For but a moment lasts his wrath ;
life in his favour lies :

Weeping may for a night endure,
at morn doth joy arise.

In my prosperity, I said,
that nothing shall me move.

O Lord, thou hast my mountain made
to stand strong by thy love :

But when that thou, O gracious God,
didst hide thy face from me,

Then quickly was my prosp'rous state
turn'd into misery.

Wherefore unto the Lord my cry
I caused to ascend :

My humble supplication
I to the Lord did send.

What profit is there in my blood,
when I go down to pit ?

Shall unto thee the dust give praise ?
thy truth declare shall it ?

- 10 Hear, Lord, have mercy, help me, Lord
 11 Thou turned hast my sadness
 To dancing; yea, my sackcloth loos'd,
 and girded me with gladness:
 12 That sing thy praise my glory may,
 and never silent be:
 O Lord my God, for evermore
 I will give thanks to thee.

P S A L M XXXI.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

Another exercise of David, wherein he, being in great danger to be taken by his enemies, prayeth for delivery, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. *Secondly*, He strengtheneth his faith by his bygone experience, *vers.* 7. 8. *Thirdly*, In prayer he layeth out his lamentable condition before God, *vers.* 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. *Fourthly*, He wrestleth on in prayer for comfort and safety to himself, and confusion to his enemies, *vers.* 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. *Fifthly*, Being delivered and comforted by a new experience of God's merciful preservation of him, he maketh good use of it, by praising God for it, and exhorteth the godly to love God, and rely on him, *vers.* 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24.

- 1 **I**N thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
 I sham'd let me never be:
 According to thy righteousness,
 do thou deliver me.
 2 Bow down thine ear to me with speed,
 send me deliverance:

To save me, my strong rock be thou,
and my house of defence.

Because thou art my rock, and thee
I for my fortrefs take :

Therefore do thou me lead and guide,
ev'n for thine own name's sake.

And sith thou art my strength, therefore
pull me out of the net,
Which they in subtilty for me
so privily have set.

Into thine hands, I do commit
my sp'rit : for thou art he,
O thou JEHOVAH, God of truth,
that hast redeemed me.

Those that do lying vanities
regard, I have abhorr'd :
But as for me, my confidence
is fixed on the Lord.

All in thy mercy gladly joy :
for thou my miseries
Consider'd hast ; thou hast my soul
known in adversities :

And thou hast not inclosed me
within the en'my's hand ;
And by thee have my feet been made
in a large room to stand.

O Lord, upon me mercy have,
for trouble is on me :

Mine eye, my belly, and my soul
with grief consumed be.

10 Because my life with grief is spent,
my years with sighs and groans :
My strength doth fail ; and for my sin
consumed are my bones.

11 I was a scorn to all my foes,
and to my friends a fear :
And specially reproach'd of those
that were my neighbours near :
When they me saw, they from me fled.

12 Ev'n so I am forgot,
As men are out of mind when dead :
I'm like a broken pot.

13 For slanders I of many heard,
fear compass'd me, while they
Against me did consult and plot,
to take my life away.

14 But as for me, O Lord, my trust
upon thee I did lay :
And I to thee, Thou art my God,
did confidently say.

15 My times are wholly in thine hand :
do thou deliver me
From their hands, that mine enemies
and persecutors be.

16 Thy countenance to shine do thou
upon thy servant make :

Unto me give salvation,
for thy great mercies sake.

Let me not be ashamed, O Lord,
for on thee call'd I have:

Let wicked men be sham'd, let them
be silent in the grave.

To silence put the lying lips,
that grievous things do say,
And hard reports, in pride and scorn,
on righteous men do lay.

How great's the goodness thou for them
that fear thee keep'st in store;
And wrought'st for them that trust in thee
the sons of men before!

In secret of thy presence, thou
shalt hide them from man's pride:
From strife of tongues thou closely shalt
as in a tent them hide.

All praise and thanks be to the Lord:
for he hath magnify'd

His wondrous love to me, within
a city fortify'd.

For from thine eyes cut off I am,
(I in my haste had said),

My voice yet heardst thou, when to thee,
with cries, my moan I made.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints:
because the Lord doth guard

The faithful, and he plenteously
proud doers doth reward.

- 24 Be of good courage, and he strength
unto your heart shall send,
All ye whose hope and confidence
doth on the Lord depend.

P S A L M XXXII.

A psalm of David, Maschil.

David in this psalm describeth the blessedness of the man justified by faith, by way of general doctrine, set down *vers.* 1. 2.; which he cleareth by his own experience *vers.* 3. 4. 5. Then he sheweth the uses both of the general doctrine, and of his own experience; *first*, for inducing the godly to go to God by prayer in trouble, *vers.* 6.; *secondly*, for confirming of his own faith, *vers.* 7.; *thirdly*, for teaching all men submission to God, and not to strive with him when he doth correct or exercise them, *vers.* 8. 9.; *fourthly*, for believing in God in all conditions, *vers.* 10.; and, *fifthly*, for making the Lord the joy and delight of the justified man, *vers.* 11.

- 1 **O** Blessed is the man, to whom
is freely pardoned
All the transgression he hath done,
whose sin is covered.
- 2 Bless'd is the man, to whom the Lord
imputeth not his sin,
And in whose sp'rit there is no guile,
nor fraud is found therein.

When as I did refrain my speech,
 and silent was my tongue ;
 My bones then waxed old, because
 I rored all day long.

For upon me, both day and night,
 thine hand did heavy lie ;
 so that my moisture turned is
 in summer's drought thereby.

thereupon have unto thee
 my sin acknowledged,
 and likewise mine iniquity
 I have not covered :
 I will confess unto the Lord
 my trespasses, said I ;
 and of my sin thou freely didst
 forgive th' iniquity.

For this shall ev'ry godly one
 his prayer make to thee ;
 in such a time he shall thee seek,
 as found thou mayest be.
 Surely, when floods of waters great
 do swell up to the brim,
 they shall not overwhelm his soul,
 nor once come near to him.

Thou art my hiding place, thou shalt
 from trouble keep me free :
 Thou with songs of deliverance
 about shalt compass me.

- 8 I will instruct thee, and thee teach
the way that thou shalt go ;
And, with mine eye upon thee set,
I will direction show.
- 9 Then be not like the horse, or mule,
which do not understand :
Whose mouth, lest they come near to thee,
a bridle must command.
- 10 Unto the man that wicked is,
his sorrow shall abound :
But him that trusteth in the Lord,
mercy shall compass round.
- 11 Ye righteous, in the Lord be glad,
in him do ye rejoyce :
All ye that upright are in heart,
for joy lift up your voice.

P S A L M XXXIII.

This psalm, in God's providence, hath no inscription, as
so many others have none ; that we may look upon hol-
scriptures as altogether inspired of God, and not put price
upon it for the writers thereof, whether their name be
expressed or not. In it there is, *first*, an exhortation to
praise God, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. for his powerful, wise, and rig-
teous government of all things in general, *vers.* 4. 5. and
more especially for his powerful guiding the works of crea-
tion, *vers.* 6. 7. *Secondly*, An exhortation, as to praise God
so also to fear him, for his omnipotency, and his powerful
over-ruling and disappointing all the devices of men against
his church, and his powerful executing all his own will,
vers. 8. 9. 10. 11. *Thirdly*, A proclaiming the blessedness
of the Lord's church and people, and of God's praises re-
aching his providence over all the world, in favours of
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people, *vers.* 12. 13. 14. 15.; in special, for disappoint-
 ing and evacuating all vain confidences of men, great and
 small, who do not trust in him, *vers.* 16. 17. and taking
 care of such as fear him, and trust in him, to deliver them
 from all evil, *vers.* 18. 19. *Fourthly*, The use is set down
 which the godly do make of this doctrine, and song of praise.

YE righteous, in the Lord rejoyce :
 For it comely is, and right,
 That upright men, with thankful voice,
 Should praise the Lord of might.
 Praise God with harp : and unto him
 Sing with the psaltery,
 Upon a ten-string'd instrument
 Make ye sweet melody.

Give ye a new song to him sing, and play
 With loud noise skilfully.
 For right is God's word, all his works
 Are done in verity.
 From judgment, and to righteousness,
 A love he beareth still :
 His loving-kindness of the Lord
 The earth throughout doth fill.
 The heavens, by the word of God,
 Did their beginning take ;
 And, by the breathing of his mouth,
 The all their hosts did make.
 The waters of the seas he brings
 Together as an heap :
 And in storehouses, as it were,
 He layeth up the depth.

- 8 Let earth, and all that live therein,
with rev'ence fear the Lord :
Let all the world's inhabitants
dread him with one accord.
- 9 For he did speak the word, and done
it was without delay ;
Established it firmly stood
whatever he did say.
- 10 God doth the counsel bring to nought
which heathen folk do take :
And what the people do devise,
of none effect doth make.
- 11 O ! but the counsel of the Lord
doth stand for ever sure ;
And of his heart the purposes
from age to age endure.
- 12 That nation blessed is, whose God
Jehovah is : and those
A blessed people are, whom for
his heritage he chose.
- 13 The Lord from heav'n sees and beholds
all sons of men full well.
- 14 He views all, from his dwelling-place,
that in the earth do dwell.
- 15 He forms their hearts alike ; and all
their doings he observes.
- 16 Great hosts save not a king ; much strength
no mighty man preserves.

An horle for preservation
 is a deceitful thing ;
 And by the greatnes of his strength
 can no deliv'rance bring.

Behold, on those that do him fear
 the Lord doth set his eye :

Ev'n those who on his mercy do
 with confidence rely.

From death to free their soul, in dearth
 life unto them to yield.

Our soul doth wait upon the Lord ;
 he is our help and shield.

Sith in his holy name we trust,
 our heart shall joyful be.

Lord, let thy mercy be on us,
 as we do hope in thee.

P S A L M XXXIV.

Psalm of David, when he changed his beha-
 viour before Abimelech : who drove him a-
 way, and he departed.

This psalm David praiseth God for his delivery from the
 king of Gath, and exhorteth others to praise God with
 him, for his experience of God's mercy, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Then, for making farther use of this mercy, he gives
 six general doctrines concerning God's protection and
 care of his children, with the uses thereof, *vers.* 7. 8. 9.

10. *Thirdly*, He giveth counsel how to lead a blessed life,
vers. 11. 12. 13. 14. *Fourthly*, He inforceth his counsel
 by promises to the godly, who obey God's counsel; and

threatnings to the wicked man, who obeyeth not, v.
15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22.

- 1 **G**OD will I bleſs all times : his praife
my mouth ſhall ſtill expreſs.
- 2 My ſoul ſhall boaſt in God : the meek
ſhall hear with joyfulneſs.
- 3 Extol the Lord with me, let us
exalt his name together.
- 4 I ſought the Lord, he heard, and did
me from all fears-deliver.
- 5 They look'd to him, and light'ned were :
not ſhamed were their faces.
- 6 This poor man cry'd, God heard, and ſav'd
him from all his diſtreſſes.
- 7 The angel of the Lord incamps,
and round encompaſſeth
All thoſe about that do him fear,
and them delivereth.
- 8 O taſte and ſee that God is good :
who truſts in him is bleſs'd.
- 9 Fear God, his ſaints : none that him fear,
ſhall be with want oppreſs'd.
- 10 The lions young may hungry be,
and they may lack their food :
But they that truly ſeek the Lord,
ſhall not lack any good.
- 11 O children, hither do ye come,
and unto me give ear :

I shall you teach to understand
how ye the Lord should fear.
What man is he that life desires,
to see good would live long?
Thy lips refrain from speaking guile,
and from ill words thy tongue.
Depart from ill, do good, seek peace,
pursue it earnestly.
God's eyes are on the just; his ears
are open to their cry.
The face of God is set against
those that do wickedly,
That he may quite out from the earth
cut off their memory.

The righteous cry unto the Lord,
he unto them gives ear;
And they, out of their troubles all,
by him deliv'ed are.
The Lord is ever nigh to them
that be of broken sp'rit:
To them he safety doth afford,
that are in heart contrite.

The troubles that afflict the just,
in number many be:
But yet at length out of them all
the Lord doth set him free.
He carefully his bones doth keep,
whatever can befall:

— That not so much as one of them
can broken be at all.

- 21 Ill shall the wicked slay : laid waste
shall be, who hate the just.
22 The Lord redeems his servants souls :
none perish that him trust.

P S A L M XXXV.

A psalm of David.

This psalm is a representation of Christ's hottest contest with his adversaries, wherein they are about to do their worst against him, and his kingdom; and he denounceth the hottest wrath of God against them, for their everlasting overthrow, set forth under the shadow of David's contest with irreconcilable enemies. Wherein he prayeth God to rise for him, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. and take order with his despicable enemies, *vers.* 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.; which, as it may comfort the supplicant, so shall it serve also for God's glory, *vers.* 9. 10. A main reason of which petition, is the unjust and inordinate dealing of his enemies with him, *vers.* 11. 12. 14. 15. 16. Whereupon he reneweth his petition *second time*, *vers.* 17. 18. 19. pressing his former reason from the enemies unjust and insolent disposition, *vers.* 21. And then reneweth his petition the *third time* himself against his enemies, *vers.* 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. for all the favourers of his cause, *vers.* 27. 28.

- 1 **P**Lead, Lord, with those that plead, and
with those that fight with me. (fig
2 Of shield and buckler take thou hold,
stand up mine help to be.
3 Draw also out the spear, and do
against them stop the way,

That me pursue : unto my soul,
I'm thy salvation, say.

Let them confounded be, and sham'd,
that for my soul have sought :
Who plot my hurt, turn'd back be they,
and to confusion brought.

Let them be like unto the chaff
that flies before the wind :
And let the angel of the Lord
pursue them hard behind.

With darkness cover thou their way,
and let it slipp'ry prove,
And let the angel of the Lord
pursue them from above.

For without cause have they for me
their net hid in a pit,
They also have without a cause
for my soul digged it.

Let ruin seize him unawares,
his net he hid withal
Himself let catch ; and in the same
destruction let him fall.

My soul in God shall joy ; and glad
in his salvation be.

And all my bones shall say, O Lord,
who is like unto thee,

Which dost the poor set free from him
that is for him too strong ;

- The poor and needy from the man
that spoils and does him wrong ?
- 11 False witnesses rose ; to my charge
things I not knew they laid.
- 12 They, to the spoiling of my soul,
me ill for good repaid.
- 13 But as for me, when they were sick,
in sackcloth sad I mourn'd :
My humbled soul did fast, my pray'r
into my bosom turn'd.
- 14 Myself I did behave, as he
had been my friend or brother :
I heavily bow'd down, as one
that mourneth for his mother.
- 15 But in my trouble they rejoic'd,
gath'ring themselves together :
Yea, abjects vile together did
themselves against me gather ;
I knew it not, they did me tear,
and quiet would not be.
- 16 With mocking hypocrites at feasts,
they gnasht their teeth at me.
- 17 How long, Lord, look'st thou on ? from
destructions they intend (thou
Rescue my soul, from lions young
my darling do defend.
- 18 I will give thanks to thee, O Lord,
within th' assembly great :

And, where much people gath'ed are,
thy praises forth will set.

Let not my wrongful enemies
proudly rejoice o'er me :
Nor who me hate without a cause,
let them wink with the eye.
For peace they do not speak at all,
but crafty plots prepare
Against all those within the land
that meek and quiet are.

With mouth set wide, they 'gainst me said,
Ha, ha, our eye doth see.

Lord, thou hast seen, hold not thy peace :
Lord, be not far from me.

Stir up thyself; wake, that thou mayst
judgment to me afford ;

Ev'n to my cause, O thou that art
my only God and Lord.

O Lord my God, do thou me judge
after thy righteousness ;

And let them not their joy 'gainst me
triumphantly express.

Nor let them say within their hearts,
Ah, we would have it thus :

Nor suffer them to say, that he
is swallow'd up by us.

Sham'd and confounded be they all
that at my hurt are glad :

Let

Let those against me that do boast,
with shame and scorn be clad.

27 Let them that love my righteous cause,
be glad, shout, and not cease

To say, The Lord be magnify'd,
who loves his servant's peace.

28 Thy righteousness shall also be
declared by my tongue;

The praises that belong to thee,
speak shall it all day long.

P S A L M XXXVI.

To the chief musician, *A psalm* of David,
servant of the Lord.

This psalm hath *three* parts. In the *first*, David sets down the perverseness of the wicked in their sinful course, and devices against the godly and himself, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. In the *second*, He comforts himself, and doth settle faith on the praises and properties of God, *vers.* 5. 6. 8. 9. In the *third*, He prayeth in the behalf of God's children, and for himself, to be delivered from the wicked, *vers.* 10. 11. 12.

1 **T**HE wickèd man's transgression
within my heart thus says,
Undoubtedly the fear of God
is not before his eyes.

2 Because himself he flattereth
in his own blinded eye,

Until the hatefulnefs be found
of his iniquity.

Words from his mouth proceeding, are
fraud and iniquity :

He to be wife, and to do good,
hath left off utterly.

He mischief, lying on his bed,
most cunningly doth plot,

He sets himself in ways not good ;
ill he abhorreth not.

Thy mercy, Lord, is in the heav'ns ;
thy truth doth reach the clouds.

Thy justice is like mountains great ;
thy judgments deep as floods :

Lord, thou preservest man and beast.
How precious is thy grace !

Therefore in shadow of thy wings
mens sons their trust shall place.

They with the fatness of thy house
shall be well satisfy'd :

From rivers of thy pleasures thou
wilt drink to them provide.

Because of life the fountain pure
remains alone with thee :

And in that purest light of thine
we clearly light shall see.

Thy loving-kindness unto them
continue that thee know ;

And

And still on men upright in heart
thy righteousness bestow.

11 Let not the foot of cruel pride
come and against me stand :

And let me not removed be,
Lord, by the wicked's hand.

12 There fall'n are they, and ruined,
that work iniquities :

Cast down they are, and never shall
be able to arise.

P S A L M XXXVII.

A psalm of David.

This psalm tendeth to guard the godly against the ordinary temptation unto envy, emulation, fretting, and discouragement in the way of godliness, arising from the temporal prosperity of the wicked; and that by *eight* directions counsels from the Lord, each of them confirmed by reasons; most of which are comparisons of the blessed estate of the godly at the worst, with the estate of the wicked at their best. The *first* direction or counsel, *vers.* 1. the *second*, *vers.* 3. the *third*, *vers.* 4. the *fourth*, *vers.* 5. 6. the *fifth*, *vers.* 7. the *sixth*, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. to *vers.* 26. the *seventh*, *vers.* 27. to *vers.* 33. the *eighth* direction, *vers.* 34. to the end.

1 **F**OR evil doers fret thou not
thyself unquietly,
Nor do thou envy bear to those
that work iniquity.

2 For, even like unto the grass,
soon be cut down shall they ;

and, like the green and tender herb,
they wither shall away.

Rest thou thy trust upon the Lord,
and be thou doing good ;
and so thou in the land shalt dwell,
and verily have food.

Delight thyself in God, he'll give
thine heart's desire to thee.

By way to God commit ; him trust,
it bring to pass shall he.

And, like unto the light, he shall
thy righteousness display,
and he thy judgment shall bring forth
like noon-tide of the day.

Rest in the Lord, and patiently
wait for him : do not fret
for him, who prosp'ring in his way,
success in sin doth get.

So thou from anger cease, and wrath
see thou forsake also :

Rest not thyself in any wise,
that evil thou shouldst do.

For those that evil-doers are,
shall be cut off and fall :

But those that wait upon the Lord,
the earth inherit shall.

For yet a little while, and then
the wicked shall not be :

His place thou shalt consider well,
but it thou shalt not see.

11 But, by inheritance, the earth
the meek ones shall possess :
'They also shall delight themselves
in an abundant peace.

12 The wicked plots against the just,
and at him whets his teeth.

13 The Lord shall laugh at him, because
his day he coming seeth.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword,
and bent their bow, to slay
The poor and needy, and to kill
men of an upright way.

15 But their own sword, which they have drawn
shall enter their own heart ;
Their bows which they have bent, shall break
and into pieces part.

16 A little that a just man hath,
is more, and better far,
Than is the wealth of many such
as lewd and wicked are.

17 For sinners arms shall broken be ;
but God the just sustains.

18 God knows the just man's days ; and still
their heritage remains.

19 They shall not be ashamed, when they
the evil time do see ;

And when the days of famine are,
they satisfy'd shall be.

But wicked men, and foes of God,
as fat of lambs decay ;
They shall consume, yea, into smoak
they shall consume away.

The wicked borrows, but the same
again he doth not pay ;

Whereas the righteous mercy shows,
and gives his own away.

For such as blessed be of him,
the earth inherit shall ;

And they that cursed are of him,
shall be destroyed all.

A good man's footsteps by the Lord
are ordered aright :

And in the way wherein he walks,
he greatly doth delight.

Although he fall, yet shall he not
be cast down utterly :

Because the Lord with his own hand
upholds him mightily.

I have been young, and now am old ;
yet have I never seen

The just man left, nor that his seed
for bread have beggars been.

The Lord's ever merciful, and lends ;
his seed is bless'd therefore.

- 27 Depart from evil, and do good :
and dwell for evermore.
- 28 For God loves judgment, and his faine
leaves not in any case ;
They are kept ever : but cut off
shall be the sinner's race.
- 29 The just inherit shall the land,
and ever in it dwell.
- 30 The just man's mouth doth wisdom speak
his tongue doth judgment tell.
- 31 In's heart the law is of his God,
his steps slide not away.
- 32 The wicked man doth watch the just,
and seeketh him to slay.
- 33 Yet him the Lord will not forsake,
nor leave him in his hands ;
The righteous will he not condemn,
when he in judgment stands.
- 34 Wait on the Lord, and keep his way,
and thee exalt shall he,
Th' earth to inherit : when cut off
the wicked thou shalt see.
- 35 I saw the wicked great in pow'r,
spread like a green bay-tree.
- 36 He pass'd, yea, was not : him I fought,
but found he could not be.
- 37 Mark thou the perfect, and behold
the man of uprightnes :

Because that surely of this man
the latter end is peace.

But those men that transgressors are,
shall be destroy'd together,
The latter end of wicked men
shall be cut off for ever.

But the salvation of the just
is from the Lord above;
He, in the time of their distress,
their stay and strength doth prove.

The Lord shall help, and them deliver
he shall them free and save
from wicked men, because in him
their confidence they have.

P S A L M XXXVIII.

psalm of David to bring to remembrance

This psalm David, in trouble both of soul and body, as an
example of the hardest exercises that Christ's followers
fall into; *first*, Prayeth for the mitigation of his
trouble, and removal of wrath, *vers.* 1. And, *secondly*,
sheweth out this sense of the trouble which he felt immedi-
ately from God, *vers.* 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. *Thirdly*, Having
set up his confused desires to God for prayers, in the
sense of his inability to express himself, *vers.* 9. 10. he
sheweth out his sense of the grief and troubles which he felt
in men, and endured with great patience, *vers.* 11. 12.
13. 14. *Fourthly*, He sets down the wrestling he had in
prayer to God, because of his persecution by his adver-
saries, *vers.* 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. And closeth the psalm,
having gotten comfort for the time, *vers.* 21. 22.

- 1 **I**N thy great indignation,
 O Lord, rebuke me not ;
 Nor on me lay thy chaf't'ning hand
 in thy displeasure hot.
- 2 For in me fast thine arrows stick,
 thine hand doth prefs me sore.
- 3 And in my flesh there is no health
 nor soundness any more.

This grief I have, because thy wrath
 is forth against me gone ;
 And in my bones there is no rest,
 for sin that I have done.

- 4 Because gone up above mine head
 my great transgressions be ;
 And, as a weighty burden, they
 too heavy are for me.
- 5 My wounds do stink, and are corrupt :
 my folly makes it so.
- 6 I troubled am, and much bow'd down ;
 all day I mourning go.
- 7 For a disease that lothsome is,
 so fills my loins with pain,
 That in my weak and weary flesh
 no soundness doth remain.
- 8 So feeble and infirm am I,
 and broken am so sore ;
 That, through disquiet of my heart,
 I have been made to rore.

Lord, all that I do desire,
is still before thine eye :
And of my heart the secret groans
not hidden are from thee.

My heart doth pant incessantly,
my strength doth quite decay :
As for mine eyes, their wonted light
is from me gone away.

My lovers and my friends do stand
at distance from my sore :
And those do stand aloof that were
kinsmen, and kind before.

Yea, they that seek my life, lay snares :
who seek to do me wrong,
speak things mischievous, and deceits
imagine all day long.

But, as one deaf, that heareth not,
I suffer'd all to pass :
as a dumb man did become,
whose mouth not op'ned was.

As one that hears not, in whose mouth
are no reproofs at all.

For, Lord, I hope in thee ; my God,
thou'lt hear me when I call.

For I said, Hear me, lest they should
rejoice o'er me with pride :

And o'er me magnify themselves,
when as my foot doth slide.

- 17 For I am near to halt, my grief
is still before mine eye.
- 18 For I'll declare my sin; and grieve
for mine iniquity.
- 19 But yet mine en'mies lively are,
and strong are they beside;
And they that hate me wrongfully,
are greatly multiply'd.
- 20 And they for good that render ill,
as en'mies me withstood:
Yea, ev'n for this, because that I
do follow what is good.
- 21 Forsake me not, O Lord: my God,
far from me never be.
- 22 O Lord, thou my salvation art,
haste to give help to me.

P S A L M XXXIX.

To the chief musician, *even* to Jeduthun, A
psalm of David.

Another such like hard exercise as in the former psalm,
wherein David acknowledgeth his infirmity in a passionate
expression, when he was in trouble, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. *Se-*
condly, He recovered, and comforted himself, *vers.* 5. 6. 7.
Thirdly, What was his prayer in this exercise, *vers.* 8. 9.
10. 11. 12. 13.

1 **I** Said, I will look to my ways,
lest with my tongue I sin:

In sight of wicked men, my mouth
with bridle I'll keep in.

With silence I as dumb became,
I did myself restrain
From speaking good; but then the more
increas'd was my pain.

My heart within me waxed hot,
and while I musing was,
The fire did burn: and from my tongue
these words I did let pass.

Mine end, and measure of my days,
O Lord, unto me show
What is the same; that I thereby
my frailty well may know.

Lo, thou my days an hand-breadth mad'st,
mine age is in thine eye

As nothing: sure, each man at best
is wholly vanity.

Sure, each man walks in a vain show,
they vex themselves in vain:

He heaps up wealth, and doth not know
to whom it shall pertain.

And now, O Lord, what wait I for?
my hope is fix'd on thee.

Free me from all my trespasses,
the fool's scorn make not me.

Dumb was I, op'ning not my mouth,
because this work was thine.

- 10 Thy stroke take from me : by the blow
of thine hand I do pine.
- 11 When with rebukes thou dost correct
man for iniquity,
Thou wast'st his beauty like a moth :
sure each man's vanity.
- 12 Attend my cry, Lord, at my tears,
and pray'rs not silent be :
I sojourn as my fathers all,
and stranger am with thee.
- 13 O spare thou me, that I my strength
recover may again,
Before from hence I do depart,
and here no more remain.

P S A L M XL.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

David, as a type of Christ in the whole psalm, and as an example of the exercise of the godly, giveth thanks for the experience of God's delivering of him out of a notable trouble, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. In the *second* place, He is led on in his thanksgiving to praise God for the great work of redemption by Christ the Son of God coming into the world, which is the fountain of all other mercies to the saints; *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8. In the *third* place, David in type, and Christ in the accomplishment, giving account of his prophetic office, intercedeth and prayeth for the evidence of God's favour to himself, personally and mystically considered, *vers.* 9. 10. 11. 12. 13.; and for disappointment of his enemies, *ver.* 14. 15.; and for the comfort of all the godly, beholding his exercise and his delivery, which he confidently doth expect, *vers.* 16. 17.

I waited for the Lord my God,
 and patiently did bear ;
 At length to me he did incline
 my voice and cry to hear.
 He took me from a fearful pit,
 and from the miry clay ;
 And on a rock he set my feet,
 establishing my way.

He put a new song in my mouth,
 our God to magnify :
 Many shall see it, and shall fear,
 and on the Lord rely.

O blessed is the man whose trust
 upon the Lord relies ;
 Respecting not the proud, nor such
 as turn aside to lyes.

O Lord my God, full many are
 the wonders thou hast done ;
 Thy gracious thoughts to us-ward far
 above all thoughts are gone :
 In order none can reckon them
 to thee : if them declare,
 And speak of them I would, they more
 than can be numb'ed are.

No sacrifice nor offering
 didst thou at all desire,
 Mine ears thou bor'd : sin-off'ring thou,
 and burnt, didst not require.

7 Then to the Lord these were my words,
I come, behold and see :
Within the volume of thy book
it written is of me :

8 To do thy will I take delight,
O thou my God that art :
Yea, that most holy law of thine
I have within my heart.

9 Within the congregation great
I righteousness did preach :
Lo, thou dost know, O Lord, that I
refrained not my speech.

10 I never did within my heart
conceal thy righteousness :
I thy salvation have declar'd,
and shown thy faithfulness :
Thy kindness which most loving is,
concealed have not I,
Nor from the congregation great
have hid thy verity.

11 Thy tender mercies, Lord, from me
O do thou not restrain :
Thy loving-kindness and thy truth,
let them me still maintain.

12 For ill's past reck'ning compass me,
and mine iniquities
Such hold upon me taken have,
I cannot lift mine eyes :

They more than hairs are on mine head ;
thence is my heart dismay'd.

Be pleas'd, Lord, to rescue me :
Lord, hasten to mine aid.

Sham'd and confounded be they all
that seek my soul to kill :

Yea, let them backward driven be,
and sham'd that wish me ill.

For a reward of this their shame,
confounded let them be,

That in this manner scoffing say,
Aha, aha, to me.

In thee let all be glad and joy,
who seeking thee abide :

Who thy salvation love, say still,
The Lord be magnify'd.

I'm poor and needy, yet the Lord
of me a care doth take :

Thou art my help and saviour,
my God, no tarrying make.

P S A L M XLI.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

David, as a type of Christ, and one of his afflicted followers, after prayer, comforteth himself against the uncharitable judgment which the wicked had of him in his affliction, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. In the *second* place, he complaineth of his enemies curst disposition against him, and prayeth to be deliver'd out of his trouble, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. In the *third* place, he is answer'd comfortably, and praiseth God for it, *vers.* 11. 12. 13.

- 1 **B**lessed is he that wisely doth
the poor man's case consider ;
For when the time of trouble is,
the Lord will him deliver.
- 2 God will him keep ; yea, save alive,
on earth he blest'd shall live ;
And to his enemies desire
thou wilt him not up give.
- 3 God will give strength, when he on bed
of languishing doth mourn :
And in his sickness sore, O Lord,
thou all his bed wilt turn.
- 4 I said, O Lord, do thou extend
thy mercy unto me :
O do thou heal my soul, for why,
I have offended thee.
- 5 Those that to me are enemies,
of me do evil say :
When shall he die, that so his name
may perish quite away ?
- 6 To see me if he comes, he speaks
vain words : but then his heart
Heaps mischief to it, which he tells,
when forth he doth depart.
- 7 My haters jointly whispering,
'gainst me my hurt devise.
- 8 Mischief, say they, cleaves fast to him ;
he ly'th, and shall not rise.

Yea, ev'n mine own familiar friend,
 On whom I did rely,
 Who ate my bread, ev'n he his heel
 Against me lifted high.

But, Lord, be merciful to me,
 And up again me raise;
 That I may justly them requite
 According to their ways.
 By this I know that certainly
 I favour'd am by thee:
 Because my hateful enemy
 Triumphs not over me.

But as for me, thou me uphold'st
 In mine integrity:
 And me before thy countenance
 Thou sett'st continually.
 The Lord, the God of Israel,
 Be bless'd for ever then,
 From age to age eternally.
 Amen, yea, and amen.

P S A L M XLII.

The chief musician, Maschil, for the sons of
 Korah.

This psalm David sheweth what was his longing after the
 worship of the saints in their public worship and service
 to God, in the time of his banishment, by the persecution
 of Saul, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4.; and how he wrestled with dis-
 couragements, by checking himself for it, and by praying

to God, whereby he was erected unto hope and confidence
to be answered, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11.

1 **L**ike as the hart for water-brooks
in thirst doth pant and bray;
So pants my longing soul, O God,
that come to thee I may.

2 My soul for God, the living God,
doth thirst; when shall I near
Unto thy countenance approach,
and in God's sight appear?

3 My tears have unto me been meat,
both in the night and day,
While unto me continually,
Where is thy God? they say.

4 My soul is poured out in me,
when this I think upon;
Because that with the multitude
I heretofore had gone:

With them into God's house I went,
with voice of joy and praise;
Yea, with the multitude that kept
the solemn holy days.

5 O why art thou cast down, my soul,
why in me so dismay'd?
Trust God, for I shall praise him yet,
his count'nance is mine aid.

6 My God, my soul's cast down in me:
thee therefore mind I will

From Jordan's land, the Hermonites,
and ev'n from Mizar hill.

At the noise of thy water-spouts,
deep unto deep doth call:

Thy breaking waves pass over me,
yea, and thy billows all.

His loving-kindness yet the Lord
command will in the day,

His song's with me by night: to God,
by whom I live, I'll pray.

And I will say to God my Rock,
Why me forgett'st thou so?

Why, for my foes oppression,
thus mourning do I go?

'Tis as a sword within my bones,
when my foes me upbraid;

Ev'n when by them, Where is thy God?
'tis daily to me said.

O why art thou cast down, my soul?
why, thus with grief oppress'd,

Art thou disquieted in me?
in God still hope and rest;

For yet I know I shall him praise,
who graciously to me

The health is of my countenance,
yea, mine own God is he.

P S A L M XLIII.

This psalm tendeth to the same purpose with the former; for David in exile complaineth of his persecutors, and prayeth for delivery, and regretteth his sad condition, *vers.* 1. 2.; prayeth for restitution unto the liberty of the public ordinances, promising to praise God at his returning cheerfully, *vers.* 3. 4.; and wrestleth with his discouragement, as he did in the former psalm, *vers.* 5.

- 1 **J**udge me, O God, and plead my cause
 against th' ungodly nation;
 From the unjust and crafty man,
 O be thou my salvation.
- 2 For thou the God art of my strength;
 why thrusts thou me thee fro?
 For th' enemies oppression,
 why do I mourning go?
- 3 O send thy light forth, and thy truth;
 let them be guides to me,
 And bring me to thine holy hill,
 ev'n where thy dwellings be.
- 4 Then will I to God's altar go,
 to God my chiefest joy;
 Yea, God, my God, thy name to praise
 my harp I will employ.
- 5 Why art thou then cast down, my soul?
 what should discourage thee?
 And why with vexing thoughts art thou
 disquieted in me?

will trust in God, for him to praise
 good cause I yet shall have ;
 the smile of my count'nance is the health,
 my God that doth me save.

P S A L M XLIV.

the chief musician for the sons of Korah,
 Maschil.

church under heavy persecution, *first*, strengtheneth
 her faith in God before she enter upon her lamentation,
vers. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. In the *second* place, she layeth
 forth her sad sufferings under the hands of cruel persecutors,
vers. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. In the *third*, she pro-
 fesseth her constant adherence unto God, and doth avow
 the truth for time bypast, and her purpose to continue for
 time to come, *vers. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22.* In the *last*
 place, they pray unto the Lord to arise, and relieve them
 from their cruel persecutors, for the glory of both his
 justice and mercy, *vers. 23. 24. 25.*

O God, we with our ears have heard,
 our fathers have us told
 What works thou in their days hadst done,
 ev'n in the days of old.
 Thy hand did drive the heathen out,
 and plant them in their place ;
 Thou didst afflict the nations,
 but them thou didst increase.
 For neither got their sword the land,
 nor did their arm them save :

But

But thy right hand, arm, countenance ;
for thou them favour gave.

4 Thou art my King : for Jacob, Lord,
deliv'rances command.

5 Through thee we shall push down our foes
that do against us stand :

We, through thy name, shall tread down those
that ris'n against us have.

6 For in my bow I shall not trust,
nor shall my sword me save.

7 But from our foes thou hast us sav'd,
our haters put to shame.

8 In God we all the day do boast,
and ever praise thy name.

9 But now we are cast off by thee,
and us thou putt'st to shame :
And when our armies do go forth,
thou go'st not with the same.

10 Thou mak'st us from the enemy,
faint-hearted, to turn back :
And they who hate us, for themselves
our spoils away do take.

11 Like sheep for meat thou gavest us :
'mong heathen cast we be.

12 Thou didst for nought thy people sell,
their price enrich'd not thee.

13 Thou mak'st us a reproach to be
unto our neighbours near ;

Derision and a scorn to them
that round about us are.

A by-word also thou dost us
among the heathen make :
The people, in contempt and spite,
at us their heads do shake.

Before me my confusion
continually abides ;
And of my bashful countenance
the shame me ever hides.

For voice of him that doth reproach,
and speaketh blasphemy ;
My reason of th' avenging foe,
and cruel enemy.

All this is come on us ; yet we
have not forgotten thee,
Nor falsely in thy covenant
behav'd ourselves have we.

Back from thy way our heart not turn'd,
our steps no straying made :
Though us thou brak'st in dragons place,
and cover'dst with death's shade.

If we God's name forgot, or stretch'd
to a strange god our hands :
Shall not God search this out ? for he
his heart's secrets understands.

Yea, for thy sake we're kill'd all day,
and counted as slaughter-sheep.

- 23 Rise, Lord, cast us not ever off;
 awake, why dost thou sleep?
 24 O wherefore hidest thou thy face?
 forgett'st our case distress'd,
 25 And our oppression? For our soul
 is to the dust down press'd;

Our belly also on the earth,
 fast cleaving hold doth take.

- 26 Rise for our help, and us redeem,
 ev'n for thy mercies sake.

P S A L M XLV.

To the chief musician upon Shoshannim, for
 the sons of Korah, Maschil, A song of loves.

Laying aside what useth to be spoken here of Solomon's marrying of Pharaoh's daughter, and of some typical things therein, (tending to the extenuation of Solomon's fault), as conjectural, and serving nothing to the advantage of that marriage, presuppose the conjecture did hold, both concerning the occasion, and also what might seem typical in it; because similitudes taken from, and types made of what thing soever God pleaseth, do serve to make clear what the Spirit will have taken up about Christ, or about any spiritual antitype; but doth not serve to make clear the thing resembled by the antitype from being sinful; as by the type of Agar, and of the brazen serpent, and of Jonas his punishment, and sundry other similitudes and parables set down in scripture, doth appear. But we are sure this psalm is a song, describing the mystical marriage of the Messiah Christ Jesus our Lord, and his church, wherein Christ the Bridegroom is praised, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. and the church his spouse is instructed in her duty to him, *vers.* 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. and the end of the song declared to be the everlasting praise of Christ, *vers.* 16. 17.

MY heart brings forth a goodly thing :
 my works that I indite,
 concern the king : my tongue's a pen
 of one that swift doth write.

Thou fairer art than sons of men :
 into thy lips is store
 Of grace infus'd : God therefore thee
 hath bless'd for evermore.

O thou that art the mighty One,
 thy sword gird on thy thigh :
 Ev'n with thy glory excellent,
 and with thy majesty.

For meekness, truth, and righteousness,
 in state ride prosp'rously :
 And thy right hand shall thee instruct
 in things that fearful be.

Thine arrows sharply pierce the hearts
 of th' en'mies of the King ;
 And under thy subjection
 the people down do bring.

For ever and for ever is,
 O God, thy throne of might :
 The sceptre of thy kingdom is
 a sceptre that is right.

Thou lovest right, and hatest ill :
 for God, thy God most high
 Above thy fellows hath with th' oil
 of joy anointed thee.

8 Of aloes, myrrh, and cassia,
a smell thy garments had ;
Out of the iv'ry palaces,
whereby they made thee glad.

9 Among thy women honourable,
kings daughters were at hand :
Upon thy right hand did the queen
in gold of Ophir stand.

10 O daughter, hearken and regard,
and do thine ear incline ;
Likewise forget thy father's house,
and people that are thine.

11 Then of the King desir'd shall be
thy beauty veh'mently :
Because he is thy Lord, do thou
him worship rev'rently.

12 The daughter there of Tyre shall be
with gifts and off'rings great :
Those of the people that are rich,
thy favour shall intreat.

13 Behold, the daughter of the King
all glorious is within ;
And with embroïderies of gold
her garments wrought have been.

14 She shall be brought unto the King
in robes with needle wrought :
Her fellow virgins following,
shall unto thee be brought.

They shall be brought with gladness great,
 and mirth on ev'ry side,
 into the palace of the King,
 and there they shall abide.
 Instead of those thy fathers dear,
 thy children thou mayst take,
 and in all places of the earth
 them noble princes make.

Thy name rememb'ed I will make,
 through ages all to be:
 The people therefore evermore
 shall praises give to thee.

P S A L M XLVI.

The chief musician for the sons of Korah,
 song upon Alamoth.

Some notable delivery of the church from the enemies,
 the Lord's people do confirm themselves in their resolu-
 tion to trust in God, and not to be afraid of trouble, be-
 cause of his comfortable presence among them, which is
 like unto a river of continual refreshment, as late experi-
 ence did give evidence, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.; and do ex-
 hort all men in the world to observe this his late work,
 and make use of it for their humiliation, *vers.* 7. 8. 9. 10.
 The church doth make use of it for confirmation, *vers.*

GOD is our refuge and our strength,
 in straits a present aid.
 Therefore, although the earth remove,
 we will not be afraid:

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Though

Though hills amidst the sea be cast.

3 Though waters roring make,
And troubled be; yea, though the hills
by swelling seas do shake.

4 A river is, whose streams do glad
the city of our God:
The holy place, wherein the Lord
most High hath his abode.

5 God in the midst of her doth dwell;
nothing shall her remove:
The Lord to her an helper will,
and that right early, prove.

6 The heathen rag'd tumultuously,
the kingdoms moved were:
The Lord God uttered his voice,
the earth did melt for fear.

7 The Lord of hosts, upon our side
doth constantly remain:
The God of Jacob's our refuge,
us safely to maintain.

8 Come, and behold what wondrous works
have by the Lord been wrought:
Come, see what desolations
he on the earth hath brought.

9 Unto the ends of all the earth
wars into peace he turns:
The bow he breaks, the spear he cuts,
in fire the chariot burns.

Be still, and know that I am God:
 among the heathen I
 Will be exalted, I on earth
 will be exalted high.
 Our God, who is the Lord of hosts,
 is still upon our side:
 The God of Jacob our refuge
 for ever will abide.

P S A L M XLVII.

to the chief musician, A psalm for the sons of
 Korah.

This psalm is a prophecy of the enlargement of Christ's kingdom, and of the conjunction of Jews and Gentiles in one body, under Christ their Head and Lord, delivered by way of exhortation to Jews and Gentiles, joyfully to praise the Lord and Saviour of his people Jesus Christ, on whom the Psalmist looketh as now ascended into heaven triumphant after the full payment made of the price of redemption, and as going about the gathering in of the redeemed Gentiles, till he bring in the fulness of them into one church with the Jews. The exhortation is prefixed, *vers.* 1. and repeated, *vers.* 6. 7. The reasons of the exhortation to a joyful praising of him are seven: The *first*, *vers.* 2. The *second*, *vers.* 3. The *third*, *vers.* 4. The *fourth*, *vers.* 5. The *fifth*, *vers.* 7. The *sixth*, *vers.* 8. The *seventh*, *vers.* 9.

ALL people, clap your hands, to God
 with voice of triumph shout:
 For dreadful is the Lord most high;
 great King the earth throughout.

- 3 The heathen people under us
 he surely shall subdue,
 And he shall make the nations
 under our feet to bow.
- 4 The lot of our inheritance
 chuse out for us shall he,
 Of Jacob whom he loved well,
 ev'n the excellency.
- 5 God is with shouts gone up, the Lord
 with trumpets sounding high.
- 6 Sing praise to God, sing praise, sing praise,
 praise to our King sing ye.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth,
 with knowledge praise express.
- 8 God rules the nations, God sits on
 his throne of holiness.
- 9 The princes of the people are
 assembled willingly;
 Ev'n of the God of Abraham
 they who the people be.

For why? the shields that do defend
 the earth, are only his:
 They to the Lord belong; yea, he
 exalted greatly is.

P S A L M XLVIII.

A song *and* psalm for the sons of Korah.

In this psalm the Lord is magnified for all his mercies
 stowed on his church, (resembled by Jerusalem,) &c.

2. 3. ; and in special for a late mercy manifested in a
 sage of his care to preserve Jerusalem, a type of the
 church universal, against the assault of mighty kings,
f. 4. 5. 6. The uses of which mercies are set down in
 number, seven : The *first, vers. 7.* The *second, vers. 8.*
 The *third, vers. 9.* The *fourth, vers. 10.* The *fifth,*
f. 11. The *sixth, vers. 12. 13.* The *seventh, vers.*

Great is the Lord, and greatly he
 is to be praised still
 Within the city of our God,
 upon his holy hill.

Mount Sion stands most beautiful,
 the joy of all the land ;
 the city of the mighty King
 on her north-side doth stand.

The Lord within her palaces
 is for a refuge known.
 For lo, the kings that gather'd were,
 together by have gone.
 But when they did behold the same,
 they wond'ring would not stay :
 But, being troubled at the sight,
 they thence did haste away.

Great terror there took hold on them,
 they were possess'd with fear,
 their grief came like a woman's pain,
 when she a child doth bear.

Thou Tarshish ships with east-wind break'st :
 As we have heard it told ;

So in the city of the Lord
our eyes did it behold :

In our God's city, which his hand
for ever stablish will.

9 We of thy loving kindness thought,
Lord, in thy temple still.

10 O Lord, according to thy name,
through all the earth's thy praise :
And thy right hand, O Lord, is full
of righteousness always.

11 Because thy judgments are made known,
let Sion mount rejoice ;
Of Judah let the daughters all
send forth a cheerful voice.

12 Walk about Sion, and go round ;
the high tow'rs thereof tell.

13 Consider ye her palaces,
and mark her bulwarks well ;

That ye may tell posterity.

14 For this God doth abide
Our God for evermore ; he will
ev'n unto death us guide.

P S A L M XLIX.

To the chief musician, A psalm for the sons of
Korah.

This psalm sets forth the gloriation of a believer in the grace
of God, and in his blessed condition, wherein he is lifted
up above all the wealthy and honourable men in the
world.

world, who are not reconciled unto God; and this the Psalmist delivereth out of his own feeling and experience. And, *first*, because it is a main matter, and worthy of all acceptance, he maketh a preface to his gloriation, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. Then he cometh out with it, making his boast in God, that by faith in God he was so secured against sin and misery, that they should not be able to mar his happiness, *vers.* 5. *Thirdly*, He doth prefer his blessedness above whatsoever wealth or riches could yield to a man, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. and above whatsoever dominion over fair lands, or honour among men, could yield to any man, either living, or after his death, either to himself, or to any of his posterity, *vers.* 11. 12. 13. 14. *Fourthly*, He giveth reason of his gloriation, because being justified by faith, and at peace with God, he was sure of delivery from every evil, and to be received out of his grave into glory and fellowship with God, *vers.* 15. *Fifthly*, He guards every true believer against every temptation which might disquiet him; when he seeth himself and other godly persons in outward trouble, and the wicked in prosperity, *vers.* 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

Hear this, all people, and give ear,
 all in the world that dwell:
 Both low and high, both rich and poor.
 My mouth shall wisdom tell:
 My heart shall knowledge meditate:
 I will incline mine ear
 To parables, and on the harp
 my sayings dark declare.
 Amidst those days that evil be,
 why should I, fearing, doubt?
 When of my heels th' iniquity
 shall compass me about.
 Whoe'er they be that in their wealth
 their confidence do pitch,

And

And boast themselves, because they are
become exceeding rich.

7 Yet none of these his brother can
redeem by any way;

Nor can he unto God for him
sufficient ransom pay :

8 (Their soul's redemption precious is,
and it can never be)

9 That still he should for ever live,
and not corruption see.

10 For why? he seeth that wise men die,
and brutish fools also

Do perish, and their wealth, when dead,
to others they let go.

11 Their inward thought is, that their house,
and dwelling-places shall

Stand through all ages; they their lands
by their own names do call.

12 But yet in honour shall not man
abide continually :

But passing hence, may be compar'd
unto the beasts that die.

13 Thus, brutish folly plainly is
their wisdom, and their way ;

Yet their posterity approve
what they do fondly say.

14 Like sheep they in the grave are laid,
and death shall them devour ;

And,

And, in the morning, upright men
 shall over them have pow'r ;
 Their beauty, from their dwelling, shall
 consume within the grave.
 But from hell's hand God will me free,
 for he shall me receive.

Be thou not then afraid, when one
 enriched thou dost see,
 Nor when the glory of his house
 advanced is on high.
 For he shall carry nothing hence,
 when death his days doth end:
 Nor shall his glory after him
 into the grave descend.

Although he his own soul did bless,
 whilst he on earth did live :
 (And when thou to thyself dost well,
 men will thee praises give)
 He to his father's race shall go,
 they never shall see light.
 Man honour'd wanting knowledge, is
 like beasts that perish quite.

P S A L M L.

A psalm of Asaph.

This psalm is a citing of the visible church before God, the Judge of all the earth, (who at last shall judge all flesh in the day of judgment, and shall take vengeance on the wicked); to compare before the tribunal of God, now in
 time

time while mercy may be had, and now then timeous-ly consider the Lord's controversy against the sinners in church, that they may repent and be saved. And, the dreadful-ness of the judgment is set down, *vers.* 1. *Secondly*, The citation of the party, that is, the vis-ible church, with the witnesses, *vers.* 4. 5. 6. *Thirdly*, This is a challenge of self-work-justiciaries, legalists, and for-meremonialists, who did rest upon outward good beha-our, and upon the outward discharge of the ordinance as if the sacrifices of the law, or any performance of ex-ternal duties, had been sufficient to expiate sin, and justify man, *vers.* 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. *Fourthly*, There is a direction unto them how to come off their legal right-ousness, and carnal way of worship, and to turn the- selves to the right way of worshipping God in spirit and truth, *vers.* 14. 15. *Fifthly*, There is a challenge of those who were grossly wicked, *vers.* 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. *And lastly*, there is a direction also to them to repent, and give God glory in time, with an encouragement to the right believers to go on their way, *vers.* 22. 23.

- 1 **T**He mighty God the Lord hath spoke,
and call'd the earth upon,
Ev'n from the rising of the sun,
unto his going down.
- 2 From out of Sion, his own hill,
where the perfection high
Of beauty is, from thence the Lord
hath shined gloriously.
- 3 Our God shall come, and shall no more
be silent, but speak out :
Before him fire shall waste, great storms
shall compass him about.
- 4 He to the heavens from above,
and to the earth below,

shall call, that he his judgments may
before his people show.

Let all my saints together be
unto me gathered :

Those that by sacrifice with me
a covenant have made.

And then the heavens shall declare
his righteousness abroad :

Because the Lord himself doth come,
none else is judge but God.

Hear, O my people, and I'll speak ;
O Israel by name,

Against thee I will testify,
God, ev'n thy God I am.

I, for thy sacrifices few,
reprove thee never will ;

Nor for burnt-off'rings to have been
before me off'red still.

I'll take no bullock, nor he-goats,
from house nor folds of thine.

For beasts of forests, cattle all
on thousand hills, are mine.

The fowls are all to me well known,
that mountains high do yield :

And I do challenge as mine own
the wild beasts of the field.

If I were hungry, I would not
to thee for need complain ;

For earth, and all its fulness, doth
to me of right pertain.

13 That I, to eat the flesh of bulls,
take pleasure, dost thou think?
Or that I need, to quench my thirst,
the blood of goats to drink?

14 Nay, rather unto me thy God,
thanksgiving offer thou;
To the most High perform thy word,
and fully pay thy vow.

15 And, in the day of trouble great,
see that thou call on me;
I will deliver thee, and thou
my name shalt glorify.

16 But God unto the wicked saith,
Why shouldst thou mention make
Of my commands? how dar'st thou in
thy mouth my cov'nant take?

17 Sith it is so, that thou dost hate
all good instruction:
And sith thou cast'st behind thy back,
and slight'st my words each one.

18 When thou a thief didst see, then straight
thou join'dst with him in sin,
And with the vile adulterers
thou hast partaker been.

19 Thy mouth to evil thou dost give,
thy tongue deceit doth frame.

Thou sitt'st, and 'gainst thy brother speak'st,
thy mother's son to shame.

These things thou wickedly hast done,
and I have silent been ;
Thou thought'st that I was like thyself,
and did approve thy sin :
But I will sharply thee reprove,
and I will order right
Thy sins and thy transgressions,
in presence of thy sight.

Consider this, and be afraid,
ye that forget the Lord,
Lest I in pieces tear you all,
when none can help afford.
Who off'reth praise, me glorifies :
I will shew God's salvation
To him that ordereth aright
his life and conversation.

P S A L M - LI.

By the chief musician, A psalm of David, when
Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he
had gone in to Bath-sheba.

The Psalmist in the sad sense of his guiltiness, prayeth for remission of sin, with an eye to the Lord's large mercy, *vers.* 1. 2. ; and followeth his petition with a deep and hearty confession of his sinfulness, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. 6. He prayeth the second time for remission of sin, with an eye toward the blood of the Messiah, *vers.* 7. ; and followeth it with another petition for comfort to his afflicted spirit, *vers.* 8. He prayeth

for remission of sins the *third* time, *vers.* 9. ; and follow it with another petition for renewed comfort of the Holy Spirit, and for removal of felt wrath ; with a promise making use thereof, to the edification of God's people *vers.* 10. 11. 12. 13. He prayeth for remission of sin *fourth* time, and namely of that particular sin whereof for the present his conscience was most troubled, *vers.* 14. and he followeth it with another petition, for enabling him for a more spiritual and sincere manner of serving hereafter, renouncing all confidence in the external ceremonies of the law, *vers.* 15. 16. 17. And, *last* of all, prayeth for mercy to the church, *vers.* 18. 19.

- 1 **A**fter thy loving kindness, Lord,
 have mercy upon me :
 For thy compassions great, blot out
 all mine iniquity.
- 2 Me cleanse from sin, and thoroughly wash
 from mine iniquity :
- 3 For my transgressions I confess,
 my sin I ever see.
- 4 'Gainst thee, thee only have I sinn'd,
 in thy sight done this ill,
 That when thou speak'st thou mayst be just
 and clear in judging still.
- 5 Behold, I in iniquity
 was form'd the womb within ;
 My mother also me conceiv'd
 in guiltiness and sin.
- 6 Behold, thou in the inward parts
 with truth delighted art ;
 And wisdom thou shalt make me know
 within the hidden part.

Do thou with hyssop sprinkle me,
I shall be cleansed so ;
Yea, wash thou me, and then I shall
be whiter than the snow.

Of gladness and of joyfulness
make me to hear the voice ;
That to these very bones which thou
hast broken, may rejoice.
All mine iniquities blot out,
thy face hide from my sin.
Create a clean heart, Lord, renew
a right sp'rit me within.

Cast me not from thy sight, nor take
thy holy Sp'rit away.
Restore me thy salvation's joy ;
with thy free Sp'rit me stay.
Then will I teach thy ways unto
those that transgressors be ;
And those that sinners are, shall then
be turned unto thee.

O God, of my salvation God,
me from blood-guiltiness
Set free : then shall my tongue aloud
sing of thy righteousness.
My closed lips, O Lord, by thee
let them be opened,
Then shall thy praises by my mouth
abroad be published.

- 16 For thou desir'st not sacrifice,
 else would I give it thee ;
 Nor wilt thou with burnt-offering
 at all delighted be.
- 17 A broken spirit is to God
 a pleasing sacrifice :
 A broken and a contrite heart,
 Lord, thou wilt not despise.
- 18 Shew kindness, and do good, O Lord,
 to Zion thine own hill :
 The walls of thy Jerusalem
 build up of thy good will.
- 19 Then righteous off'rings shall thee please,
 and off'rings burnt, which they,
 With whole-burnt-off'rings, and with calves
 shall on thine altar lay.

P S A L M LII.

To the chief musician, Maschil, *A psalm* of
 David, when Doeg the Edomite came and
 told Saul, and said unto him, David is come
 to the house of Ahimelech.

The scope of the Psalmist is, to shew that Doeg his enemy
 had no reason to glory in the favour of the court, purchas-
 ed by his false and cruel calumnies against him and the
 Lord's priests; which he proveth by four reasons. *First*,
 Because God's kindness could not be taken away by Doeg's
 cruel calumnies, *vers.* 1. *Secondly*, Because God should
 root out Doeg out of the world for his wicked calumnie,
vers. 2. 3. 4. 5. *Thirdly*, Because Doeg should be made
 a laughing-stock and matter of derision to the godly, *ver.*
 6. 7. *Fourthly*, Because managre his malice, David should
 be blessed as a believer in God, and a true worshipper of
 him.

am, *vers.* 8. Whereupon he concludeth with praise to
God, *vers.* 9.

WHy dost thou boast, O mighty man,
of mischief and of ill?

The goodness of almighty God
endureth ever still.

Thy tongue mischievous calumnies
deviseth subtilly,

Like to a razor sharp to cut,
working deceitfully.

All more than good, and more than truth
thou lovest to speak wrong:

Thou lovest all devouring words,
O thou deceitful tongue.

So God shall thee destroy for ay,
remove thee, pluck thee out

Quite from thy house, out of the land
of life he shall thee root.

The righteous shall it see, and fear,
and laugh at him they shall.

Lo, this the man is, that did not
make God his strength at all:

But he, in his abundant wealth,
his confidence did place:

And he took strength unto himself
from his own wickedness.

But I am in the house of God
like to an olive green:

My confidence for ever hath
upon God's mercy been.

- 9 And I for ever will thee praise,
because thou hast done this :
I on thy name will wait, for good
before thy saints it is.

P S A L M LIII.

To the chief musician upon Mahalath, Masch
A psalm of David.

As in the fourteenth psalm, so here, David comforteth himself, and the rest of the godly in their sad sufferings, whil they felt from godless men, lying in the miserable condition of nature, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. The grounds of comfort *three.* The *first*, Because God was engaged in the sufferings of his own, and would plead their controversy against the wicked, *vers.* 4. The *second*, Because God's judgments were to come on all persecutors of the godly, *vers.* 5. As the *third*, Because there is hope of the full salvation of the godly in Christ, *vers.* 6. Comparing this psalm with Psal. xiv. wherthein the enmity of the wicked against the godly, and the comfort of the godly in that case, are the same in this place which are set down there; we learn, That as the godly may fall oftener than once, in one case, upon one and the same temptation, some sort of hard exercise of grief; so may they, and should they make use of the same comforts, and bring to memory the same doctrines that end, as the church is taught to do, Psalm xiv. and here in this psalm.

- 1 **T**hat there is not a God, the fool
doteth in his heart conclude :
They are corrupt, their works are vile ;
not one of them doth good.

The Lord upon the sons of men
 from heav'n did cast his eyes,
 To see if any one there was
 that sought God, and was wise.

They altogether filthy are,
 they all are backward gone;
 And there is none that doeth good,
 no not so much as one.

These workers of iniquity,
 do they not know at all,
 That they my people eat as bread,
 and on God do not call?

Ev'n there they were afraid, and stood
 with trembling all dismay'd,

Whereas there was no cause at all,
 why they should be afraid:

For God his bones that thee besieg'd
 hath scatter'd all abroad;

Thou hast confounded them, for they
 despised are of God.

Let Isr'el's help from Zion come.

When back the Lord shall bring

His captives, Jacob shall rejoice,
 and Israel shall sing.

P S A L M LIV.

To the chief musician on Neginoth, Maschil,
A Psalm of David, when the Ziphims came
 and

and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

David being betrayed by the Ziphims, *first*, doth make his prayer to God for delivery, *vers.* 1. 2. *Secondly*, he strengtheneth his faith by some reasons, *vers.* 3. *Thirdly*, He is confident of his own delivery, and of God's judgment on the Ziphims, whereunto he subscribes, *vers.* 4. 5. And, *last* of all, he promiseth praise to God for his own assured deliverance, *vers.* 6. 7.

- 1 **S**Ave me, O God, by thy great name,
and judge me by thy strength :
- 2 My prayer hear, O God ; give ear
unto my words at length.
- 3 For they that strangers are to me
do up against me rise ;
Oppressors seek my soul, and God
set not before their eyes.
- 4 The Lord my God my helper is,
lo, therefore I am bold :
He taketh part with ev'ry one
that doth my soul uphold.
- 5 Unto mine enemies he shall
mischief and ill repay :
O for thy truth's sake cut them off,
and sweep them clean away.
- 6 I will a sacrifice to thee
give with free willingness :
Thy name, O Lord, because 'tis good,
with praise I will confess.

For he hath me delivered
 from all adversities :
 And his desire mine eye hath seen
 upon mine enemies.

P S A L M LV.

To the chief musician on Neginoth, Maschil,
A psalm of David.

This psalm containeth this doctrine, That albeit Christ and his followers may be in great straits by the treachery of their pretended friends, yet through God's favour they shall be delivered, as David felt in experience. The use of which doctrine is subjoined in the end of the psalm; which well agreeth with the Psalmist's condition in the time of Absalom's and Achitophel's conspiracy.

In the parts of the psalm we may make these *three*. In the *first* is set down his sorrowful supplication, to *vers.* 16. In the *next*, his comforting of himself in the Lord his deliverer, to *vers.* 22. In the *third*, use of this experience, in the *two* last verses.

In his supplication he prayeth, in the *first* place, for a gracious hearing, because of the calumnies and cruelty of his enemies, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. In the *next* place, he setteth down his pitiful condition of mind, *vers.* 4. 5.; making him to wish to be far from the company of these conspirators which were combined against him, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. In the *third* place, he prayeth to God to confound their counsels, because the whole city was in an uproar against him, seeking how to execute their mischievous plot, *vers.* 9. 10. 11. In the *fourth* place, he condescends upon a more particular reason of his prayer for confounding their counsels, because the plotter of the conspiracy had been most intimate in his familiarity, and deep upon his counsel, *vers.* 12. 13. 14. Whereupon, in the *last* place, by way of prayer, he pronounceth of the curse of God to come upon them, *vers.* 15. In the *second* part of the psalm he comforteth himself in God; *vers.* 16. by his resolution constantly to depend upon God, and

and hopefully to pray, *vers.* 16. 17.; *secondly*, by his former experiences of deliverances granted to him before *vers.* 18.; *thirdly*, because he was assured God should take order with his enemies for their treacherous breach of covenant, and plaittering of their malicious designs with fair pretences, and deep dissimulation, *vers.* 19. 20. 21.

In the *third* part of the psalm are the uses of this experience *vers.* 22. 23.

- 1 **L**ord, hear my pray'r, hide not thyself
from my intreating voice :
- 2 Attend and hear me, in my plaint
I mourn and make a noise.
- 3 Because of th' en'my's voice, and for
lewd mens oppression great :
On me they cast iniquity,
and they in wrath me hate.
- 4 Sore pain'd within me is my heart :
death's terrors on me fall.
- 5 On me comes trembling, fear, and dread
o'erwhelmed me withal.
- 6 O that I like a dove had wings,
said I, then would I fly
Far hence, that I might find a place
where I in rest might be.
- 7 Lo, then far off I wander would,
and in the desert stay :
- 8 From windy storm, and tempest I
would haste to 'scape away.
- 9 O Lord, on them destruction bring,
and do their tongues divide :

For in the city violence
and strife I have espy'd.

They day and night upon the walls
do go about it round :

There mischief is, and sorrow there
in midst of it is found.

Abundant wickedness there is
within her inward part ;

And from her streets deceitfulness
and guile do not depart.

He was no foe that me reproach'd,
then that endure I could ;

Nor hater that did 'gainst me boast,
from him me hide I would.

But thou, man, who mine equal, guide,
and mine acquaintance wast.

We join'd sweet counsels, to God's house
in company we past.

Let death upon them seize, and down
let them go quick to hell ;

For wickedness doth much abound
among them where they dwell.

I'll call on God : God will me save.

I'll pray and make a noise

At ev'ning, morning, and at noon ;
and he shall hear my voice.

He hath my soul delivered,
that it in peace might be,

From battle that against me was,
for many were with me.

19 The Lord shall hear and them afflict,
of old who hath abode :

Because they never changes have,
therefore they fear not God.

20 'Gainst those that were at peace with him
he hath put forth his hand :

The covenant that he had made,
by breaking he profan'd.

21 More smooth than butter were his words,
while in his heart was war ;

His speeches were more soft than oil,
and yet drawn swords they are.

22 Cast thou thy burden on the Lord,
and he shall thee sustain ;

Yea, he shall cause the righteous man
unmoved to remain.

23 But thou, O Lord my God, those men
in justice shalt o'erthrow,

And in destruction's dungeon dark
at last shalt lay them low :

The bloody and deceitful men
shall not live half their days ;

But upon thee with confidence
I will depend always.

P S A L M LVI.

the chief musician upon Jonath-elem-recho-
him, Michtam of David, when the Philistines
took him in Gath.

David flying from Saul to the country of the Philistines,
(as we read, 1 Sam. xxi. 13.) is apprehended. He prayeth
to God, and is delivered. There are *two* parts of the
psalm. In the former part there are *three* conflicts of David's
fight with his trouble and temptation, and *three* victories.
The *first* conflict is in prayer, laying forth his enemies
grievance against him, *vers.* 1. 2. ; and his *first* victory by
faith, *vers.* 3. 4. The *second* conflict is in his complaint he
maketh against his enemies, *vers.* 5. 6. ; and his *second*
victory by faith, *vers.* 7. His *third* conflict is by laying
forth his mournful condition before God, with hope to
be regarded, *vers.* 8. ; and his *third* and greatest victory
by faith, *vers.* 9. 10. 11. In the *latter* part of the psalm
David's obligation thankfully to acknowledge his mer-
ciful delivery, with a petition for grace to persevere in
the course of obedience, under God's protection, *vers.*
12. 13.

Show mercy, Lord, to me ; for man
would swallow me outright :
He me oppresseth, while he doth
against me daily fight.
They daily would me swallow up,
that hate me spitefully ;
For they be many that do fight
against me, O most High.

When I'm afraid, I'll trust in thee :
In God I'll praise his word ;

M

I will

I will not fear what flesh can do,
my trust is in the Lord.

5 Each day they wrest my words, their thoughts
'gainst me are all for ill.

6 They meet, they lurk, they mark my steps
waiting my soul to kill.

7 But shall they by iniquity
escape thy judgment so?

O God, with indignation down
do thou the people throw.

8 My wand'rings all what they have been
thou know'st, their number took;

Into thy bottle put my tears:
are they not in thy book?

9 My foes shall, when I cry, turn back,
I know't, God is for me.

10 In God his word I'll praise: his word
in God shall praised be.

11 In God I trust, I will not fear
what man can do to me.

12 Thy vows upon me are, O God:
I'll render praise to thee.

13 Wilt thou not, who from death me sav'd,
my feet from falls keep free,
To walk before God in the light
of those that living be?

P S A L M LVII.

to the chief musician, Al-tafchith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

This psalm of David, as many others of his psalms, doth represent the condition of his spirit, both in the time of his trouble, and after the delivery; what was his exercise in the cave, and what was his condition after he was delivered out of that danger, whereof we read, 1 Sam. xxiv. There are *two* parts of the psalm. The *first* containeth his prayer for deliverance, which is pressed by *six* arguments, all serving to strengthen his faith. The *first*, Because he trusted in God, *vers.* 1. The *second*, Because he resolved to insist in prayer till he was heard, *vers.* 2. The *third*, Because he hoped certainly to find notable delivery from his extraordinary danger, *vers.* 3. The *fourth*, Because his enemies were beastly cruel, *vers.* 4. The *fifth*, Because his mercy might contribute much to the glorifying of God, *vers.* 5. The *sixth* is from the low condition whereunto his spirit is brought, by their crafty and cruel pursuit of him, *vers.* 6. In the rest of the psalm is his thanksgiving, consisting of *five* parts. The *first* is the acknowledgment of the mercy and delivery granted, *vers.* 6. The *next* is his next resolution to praise God for it, *vers.* 7. The *third* is the up-stirring of tongue and hand, and the whole man, to praise God, *vers.* 8. The *fourth* is a promise to transmit the knowledge of God's mercy to other nations, *vers.* 9. The *fifth* is the acknowledgment of the glory of this mercy, with a wish that it might be more and more seen and acknowledged, by giving new experience of it, *vers.* 10. 11.

BE merciful to me, O God,
thy mercy unto me
Do thou extend, because my soul
doth put her trust in thee:
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings
my refuge I will place,

Until these sad calamities
do wholly overpass.

- 2 My cry I will cause to ascend
unto the Lord most high,
To God, who doth all things for me
perform most perfectly.
- 3 From heav'n he shall send down, and me
from his reproach defend,
That would devour me: God his truth
and mercy forth shall send.
- 4 My soul among fierce lions is,
I fire-brands live among;
Mens sons, whose teeth are spears and darts
a sharp sword is their tongue.
- 5 Be thou exalted very high
above the heav'ns, O God;
Let thou thy glory be advanc'd
o'er all the earth abroad.
- 6 My soul's bow'd down; for they a net
have laid, my steps to snare:
Into the pit which they have digg'd
for me, they fallen are.
- 7 My heart is fix'd, my heart is fix'd,
O God, I'll sing, and praise.
- 8 My glory, wake, wake psalt'ry, harp;
myself I'll early raise.
- 9 I'll praise thee 'mong the people, Lord,
'mong nations sing will I.

For great to heav'n thy mercy is,
thy truth is to the sky.

O Lord, exalted be thy name,
above the heav'ns to stand :

Do thou thy glory far advance
above both sea and land.

P S A L M LVIII.

of the chief musician, Al-taschith, Michtam
of David.

The Psalmist being oppressed by the calumnies of the courtiers of king Saul, and by the senators of the courts of justice, who should have provided against the oppression of the subjects, chargeth them, in the *first* part of this psalm, as most guilty of injustice done to him, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. In the *second* part, he prayeth against them, that God should execute judgment upon them, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. And, in the *third* part, he pronounceth the sentence of their deserved destruction, *vers.* 9. 10. 11. From this experience of the Prophet, we may see what strong parties, and hard opposition the godly may meet with in the defence of a good cause, and how necessary it is in such trials to exercise our faith, and to exalt God above all opposite powers, that we may be borne out, and get consolation and victory to the Lord.

DO ye, O congregation,
indeed speak righteousness ?

O ye that are the sons of men,
judge ye with uprightnes ?

Yea, ev'n within your very hearts
ye wickedness have done ;

And ye the violence of your hands
do weigh the earth upon.

- 3 The wicked men estranged are
ev'n from the very womb ;
They speaking lyes, do stray, as soon
as to the world they come.
- 4 Unto a serpent's poison like
their poison doth appear ;
Yea, they are like the adder deaf,
that closely stops her ear :
- 5 That so she may not hear the voice
of one that charm her would,
No not though he most cunning were,
and charm most wisely could.
- 6 Their teeth, O God, within their mouth
break thou in pieces small ;
The great teeth break thou out, O Lord,
of these young lions all.
- 7 Let them like waters melt away,
which downward still do flow :
In pieces cut his arrows all,
when he shall bend his bow.
- 8 Like to a snail that melts away,
let each of them be gone ;
Like woman's birth untimely, that
they never see the sun.
- 9 He shall them take away, before
your pots the thorns can find,

Both living, and in fury great,
as with a stormy wind.

The righteous, when he vengeance sees,
he shall be joyful then :

The righteous one shall wash his feet
in blood of wicked men.

So men shall say, The righteous man
reward shall never miss ;

And verily upon the earth
a God to judge there is.

P S A L M LIX.

the chief musician, Al-taschith, Michtam of
David : when Saul sent, and they watched
the house to kill him.

David in present danger of his life by Saul, (who having David inclosed within the city, and within his own house, thought surely to have killed him, as we read, 1 Sam. xix. 9.), prayeth to God for deliverance, *vers.* 1. 2.; and for a reason of his prayer, maketh a complaint against his enemies, *vers.* 3. 4. In the *next* place, he prayeth the *second* time for delivery to himself, and judgment against his enemies, *vers.* 5.; and complaineth of them the *second* time, *vers.* 6. 7. In the *third* place, he declareth his confidence to be delivered, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. In the *fourth* place, he maketh imprecation against his enemies for their wickedness, *vers.* 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. And, in the *last* place, he promiseth thanks to God for his delivery, whereof he was assured before it came, *vers.* 16. 17.

MY God, deliver me from those
that are mine enemies ;

And

- And do thou me defend from those
that up against me rise.
- 2 Do thou deliver me from them
that work iniquity ;
And give me safety from the men
of bloody cruelty.
- 3 For lo, they for my soul lay wait :
the mighty do combine
Against me, Lord, not for my fault,
nor any sin of mine.
- 4 They run, and without fault in me
themselves do ready make :
Awake to meet me with thy help,
and do thou notice take.
- 5 Awake therefore, Lord God of hosts,
thou God of Israel,
To visit heathen all : spare none
that wickedly rebel.
- 6 At ev'ning they go to and fro ;
they make great noise and sound
Like to a dog, and often walk
about the city round.
- 7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth,
and in their lips are swords ;
For they do say thus, Who is he
that now doth hear our words ?
- 8 But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them,
and all the heathen mock.

While he's in pow'r, I'll wait on thee;
for God is my high rock.

He of my mercy that is God,
betimes shall me prevent :

Upon mine en'mies God shall let
me see mine heart's content.

Them slay not, lest my folk forget ;
but scatter them abroad

By thy strong pow'r ; and bring them down,
O thou our shield, and God.

For their mouth's sin, and for the words
that from their lips do fly,

Let them be taken in their pride,
because they curse and lye.

In wrath consume them, them consume,
that so they may not be ;

And, that in Jacob God doth rule,
to th' earth's ends let them see.

At ev'ning let thou them return,
making great noise and sound

Like to a dog, and often walk
about the city round.

And let them wander up and down,
in seeking food to eat ;

And let them grudge when they shall not
be satisfy'd with meat.

But of thy pow'r I'll sing aloud,
at morn thy mercy praise :

For thou to me my refuge wast,
and tower in troublous days.

17 O God, that art my strength, I will
sing praises unto thee ;

For God is my defence, a God
of mercy unto me.

P S A L M LX.

To the chief musician, upon Shushan-ed
Michtam of David, to teach, when he stro
with Aram-naharaim, and with Aram-zob
when Joab returned and smote of Edom
the valley of salt, twelve thousand.

This psalm is a prayer for the victory of Israel over their
enemies, indited unto the Prophet when Israel was fight
with the Syrians and Edomites. It may be divid'd in
three parts. In the *first* whereof the Psalmist prayeth
help more largely, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. In the *second*
David is made confident of the victory, *vers.* 6. 7. 8.
9. 10. In the *third* part he repeateth his prayer more brief
and his confidence of having the victory, *vers.* 11. 12.

1 O Lord, thou hast rejected us,
and scatter'd us abroad,
Thou justly hast displeas'd been ;
return to us, O God.

2 The earth to tremble thou hast made,
therein didst breaches make :
Do thou thereof the breaches heal,
because the land doth shake.

to thy people thou hast hard things
 hast shew'd, and on them sent;
 and thou hast caused us to drink
 wine of astonishment.

But yet a banner thou hast giv'n
 to them who thee do fear:
 that it by them, because of truth,
 displayed may appear.

That thy beloved people may
 deliver'd be from thrall,
 be with the pow'r of thy right hand,
 and hear me when I call.

And in his holiness hath spoke,
 wherein I will take pleasure:
 Bechem I will divide, and forth
 will Succoth's valley measure.

Head I claim as mine by right,
 Manasseh mine shall be;
 Simeon is of mine head the strength;
 Judah gives laws for me.

Reuben's my washing pot, my shoe
 I'll over Edom throw;
 And over Palestina's land
 I will in triumph go.

Who is he will bring me to
 the city fortify'd?

Who is he that to the land
 of Edom will me guide?

- 10 O God, which hadest us cast off,
 this thing wilt thou not do?
 Ev'n thou, O God, which didest not
 forth with our armies go.
- 11 Help us from trouble; for the help
 is vain which man supplies.
- 12 Through God we'll do great acts; he shall
 tread down our enemies.

P S A L M LXI.

To the chief musician upon Neginoth, A psalm
 of David.

David now in his exile maketh his address to God in a
 condition, *vers.* 1. 2. 3.; and is comforted in the Lord
 and persuaded of his present and future happiness, *vers.*
 4. 5. and of the perpetuity of the kingdom of Christ re-
 presented by him, to the comfort of all Christ's subjects
 in all ages, *vers.* 6. 7. 8.

- 1 O God, give ear unto my cry,
 unto my pray'r attend.
- 2 From th' utmost corner of the land
 my cry to thee I'll send,
 What time my heart is overwhelm'd,
 and in perplexity:
 Do thou me lead unto the rock
 that higher is than I.
- 3 For thou hast for my refuge been
 a shelter by thy pow'r;

and, for defence against my foes,
thou hast been a strong tow'r.

Within thy tabernacle I

for ever will abide :

and, under covert of thy wings,
with confidence me hide.

For thou the vows that I did make,

O Lord my God, didst hear :

thou hast giv'n me the heritage
of those thy name that fear.

A life prolong'd for many days
thou to the king shalt give :

like many generations be
the years which he shall live.

He in God's presence his abode
for evermore shall have :

O do thou truth and mercy both
prepare, that may him save.

And so will I perpetually

sing praise unto thy name ;

That, having made my vows, I may
each day perform the same.

P S A L M LXII.

By the chief musician, to Jeduthun, A psalm
of David.

This psalm is the issue of a sore conflict and inward combat,
which David felt from the strong opposition of his irre-

conciliable adversaries, and from the lasting troubles which he sustained by their persecution, and by his friends forsaking of him; whereby he was put hard to it, what to think, or what to do: *at length* faith in God giveth him victory, and maketh him, *first*, to break forth in avowal of his faith and hope in God, *vers.* 1. 2.; *next*, to intire over his enemies as dead men, because of their sinful course, *vers.* 3. 4.; *thirdly*, to strengthen himself in his faith and hope, *vers.* 5. 6. 7.; *fourthly*, to exhort all men to tru in God, and to depend on him, for reasons set down, *vers.* 8. 9.; and not to trust in oppression and robbery, for reasons set down, *vers.* 10. 11. 12.

- 1 **M**Y soul with expectation
depends on God indeed:
My strength and my salvation doth
from him alone proceed.
- 2 He only my sava^{ti}on is,
and my strong rock is he:
He only is my sure defence;
much mov'd I shall not be.
- 3 How long will ye against a man
plot mischief? ye shall all
Be slain; ye as a tott'ring fence
shall be, and bowing wall.
- 4 They only plot to cast him down
from his excellency:
They joy in lyes; with mouth they bless,
but they curse inwardly.
- 5 My soul, wait thou with patience
upon thy God alone:

In him dependeth all my hope
and expectation.

He only my salvation is,
and my strong rock is he ;

He only is my sure defence :
I shall not moved be.

In God my glory placed is,
and my salvation sure :

In God the rock is of my strength,
my refuge most secure.

Ye people, place your confidence
in him continually ;

Before him pour ye out your heart :
God is our refuge high.

Surely mean men are vanity,
and great men are a lye ;

In balance laid, they wholly are
more light than vanity.

Trust ye not in oppression,
in robb'ry be not vain ;

On wealth set not your hearts, when as
increased is your gain.

God hath it spoken once to me,
yea, this I heard again,

That power to almighty God
alone doth appertain.

Yea, mercy also unto thee
belongs, O Lord, alone :

For thou according to his work
rewardest ev'ry one.

P S A L M LXIII.

A psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

We have in this psalm David's exercise in his banishment when he was hiding himself from Saul in the wilderness of Judah; wherein is set down his hungering and prayer after the benefit of the public ordinances, *vers.* 1. 2.; and the fruits of a gracious and comfortable answer given to his prayer, in number four. The *first* is a resolution to follow spiritual duties, and in special to praise God, *vers.* 3 and to be a constant supplicant depending on God, *vers.* 4.; and to take his contentment in God, and in his praise, *vers.* 5. 6.; and joyfully to trust in God's mercy, *vers.* 7. The *second* fruit is the acknowledgment of God's power sustaining him in his adherence unto God, practised by him for time past, and purposed for time to come, *vers.* 8. The *third* fruit is confidence of the destruction of his enemies, *vers.* 9. 10. The *fourth* is assurance that he shall receive the kingdom promised unto him, to the confusion of all such as did slander him as a traitor.

- 1 **L**ord, thee my God I'll early seek :
My soul doth thirst for thee ;
My flesh longs in a dry parch'd land,
wherein no waters be.
- 2 That I thy power may behold,
and brightness of thy face,
As I have seen thee heretofore,
within thy holy place.

Since

Since better is thy love than life,
 my lips thee praise shall give,
 in thy name will lift my hands,
 and bless thee while I live.

Ev'n as with marrow and with fat,
 my soul shall filled be ;
 Then shall my mouth, with joyful lips,
 sing praises unto thee.

When I do thee upon my bed
 remember with delight,
 And when on thee I meditate
 in watches of the night,
 In shadow of thy wings I'll joy,
 for thou mine help hast been.
 My soul thee follows hard ; and me
 thy right hand doth sustain.

Who seek my soul to spill, shall sink
 down to earth's lowest room.
 They by the sword shall be cut off,
 and foxes prey become.
 Yet shall the king in God rejoice ;
 and each one glory shall
 That swear by him : but stopt shall be
 the mouth of lyars all.

P S A L M LXIV.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

This psalm hath *two* parts. In the *former* is David's heavy
 N 3 complaint

complaint unto God against his deadly enemies, laid before God in sundry particular evidences of their malice, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. And in the *latter* part is the Lord's comfortable answer unto him, by giving him assurance of God's judgment coming on them, to their own and others' astonishment, and to the comfort of the godly, *vers.* 8. 9. 10.

- 1 **W**HEN I to thee my prayer make,
Lord, to my voice give ear;
My life save from the enemy,
of whom I stand in fear.
- 2 Me from their secret counsel hide
who do live wickedly;
From insurrection of those men
that work iniquity.
- 3 Who do their tongues with malice whet,
and make them cut like swords;
In whose bent bows are arrows set,
ev'n sharp and bitter words.
- 4 That they may at the perfect man
in secret aim their shot:
Yea, suddenly they dare at him
to shoot, and fear it not.
- 5 In ill encourage they themselves:
and their snares close to lay,
Together conference they have;
Who shall them see? they say.
- 6 They have search'd out iniquities,
a perfect search they keep:

Of each of them the inward thought,
and very heart is deep.

God shall an arrow shoot at them,
and wound them suddenly.

So their own tongue shall them confound,
all who them see shall fly.

And on all men a fear shall fall,
God's works they shall declare ;

For they shall wisely notice take
what these his doings are.

In God the righteous shall rejoice,
and trust upon his might ;

Yea, they shall greatly glory all,
in heart that are upright.

P S A L M LXV.

To the chief musician, A psalm *and* song of
David.

This psalm is all of God's praises. The proposition, that he
is to be praised, is set down, *vers.* 1. The reasons of his
praise unto the end, are nine. The *first* whereof, is, Be-
cause he heareth prayer, *vers.* 2. The *second*, Because he
mercifully pardoneth sins, *vers.* 3. The *third*, Because of
his gracious purpose, and powerful prosecution of the de-
cree of election of his own redeemed ones, *vers.* 4. The
fourth, Because of his defending of his church in all places,
vers. 5. The *fifth* is from the strength manifested in the
framing and settling of the mountains, *vers.* 6. The *sixth*,
from the wise and powerful over-ruling of all unruly and
raging creatures, *vers.* 7. The *seventh* is from the pre-
venting of troubles which are coming to his church, by
terrifying all nations at the beholding of the tokens of his
displeasure

displeasure against the enemies of his people, *vers.*
 The *eighth* argument is taken from the joyful peace granted sometime to his people, *vers.* 8. The *ninth* argument of God's praise, is from the rich plenty of all necessary food, from year to year, which God provideth for maintenance of man and beast, and speciality of his people Israel in their land, *vers.* 9. 10. 11. 12. 13.

- 1 **P**raise waits for thee in Sion, Lord;
 to thee vows paid shall be.
- 2 O thou that hearer art of pray'r,
 all flesh shall come to thee.
- 3 Iniquities, I must confess,
 prevail against me do:
 But as for our transgressions,
 them purge away shalt thou.
- 4 Bless'd is the man whom thou dost chuse,
 and mak'st approach to thee;
 That he within thy courts, O Lord,
 may still a dweller be.
 We surely shall be satisfy'd
 with thy abundant grace,
 And with the goodness of thy house,
 ev'n of thy holy place.
- 5 O God of our salvation,
 thou, in thy righteousness,
 By fearful works unto our pray'rs
 thine answer dost express:
 Therefore the ends of all the earth,
 and those afar that be

Upon

Upon the sea, their confidence,
O Lord, will place in thee.

Who, being girt with pow'r, sets fast,
by his great strength, the hills :

Who noise of seas, noise of their waves,
and people's tumult stills.

Those in the utmost parts that dwell,
are at thy signs afraid :

Th' outgoings of the morn and ev'n
by thee are joyful made.

The earth thou visit'st, wat'ring it,
thou mak'st it rich to grow

With God's full flood ; thou corn prepar'st,
when thou provid'st it so.

Her riggs thou water'st plenteously,
her furrows settelest :

With show'rs thou dost her mollify,
her spring by thee is blest.

So thou the year most lib'rally
dost with thy goodness crown ;

And all thy paths abundantly
on us drop fatness down.

They drop upon the pastures wide,
that do in desarts lie,

The little hills on ev'ry side
rejoice right pleasantly.

3 With flocks the pastures clothed be,
the vales with corn are clad ;

And

And now they shout and sing to thee,
for thou hast made them glad.

P S A L M LXVI.

To the chief musician, A song or psalm.

This psalm being all of praises, may be divided into *three* parts. In the *first*, the psalmist exhorteth all the earth to praise God, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. and that because of the work which God did of old for his people, *vers.* 5. 6. ; and because he is able to do the like when he pleaseth, *vers.* 7. In the *second* part he exhorts the church of Israel live with him in that age, to praise God for the late experience of God's goodness towards them, in the delivery granted to them out of their late trials, troubles, and sore vexations, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. In the *third* place the prophet expresseth his own purpose of thankfulness unto God for the large experience which he had in particular of God's mercies to himself, from *vers.* 13. to the end.

- 1 **A**LL lands, to God in joyful sounds
aloft your voices raise.
- 2 Sing forth the honour of his name,
and glorious make his praise.
- 3 Say unto God, How terrible
in all thy works art thou?
Through thy great pow'r thy foes to thee
shall be constrain'd to bow.
- 4 All on the earth shall worship thee,
they shall thy praise proclaim
In songs: they shall sing chearfully
unto thy holy name.

come, and the works that God hath wrought
with admiration see :

's working to the sons of men
most terrible is he.

to dry land the sea he turn'd,
and they a passage had,
w'n marching through the flood on foot,
there we in him were glad.

He ruleth ever by his pow'r,
his eyes the nations see :

let not the rebellious ones
lift up themselves on high.

Ye people, bless our God ; aloud
the voice speak of his praise :

Our soul in life who safe preserves,
our foot from sliding stays.

For thou didst prove and try us, Lord,
as men do silver try ;

Brought'st us into the net, and mad'st
bands on our loins to lie.

Thou hast caus'd men ride o'er our heads :
and though that we did pass

Through fire and water, yet thou brought'st
us to a wealthy place.

I'll bring burnt-off'rings to thy house ;
to thee my vows I'll pay,

Which my lips utter'd my mouth spake,
when trouble on me lay.

- 15 Burnt-sacrifices of fat rams,
with incense, I will bring;
Of bullocks and of goats I will
present an offering.
- 16 All that fear God, come, hear, I'll tell
what he did for my soul.
- 17 I with my mouth unto him cry'd,
my tongue did him extol.
- 18 If in my heart I sin regard,
the Lord me will not hear:
- 19 But surely God me heard, and to
my prayer's voice gave ear.
- 20 O let the Lord, our gracious God,
for ever blessed be,
Who turned not my pray'r from him,
nor yet his grace from me.

P S A L M LXVII.

To the chief musician on Neginoth, A psalm
or song.

This psalm is a prophetic prayer for a blessing upon
church of the Jews, for the good of the Gentiles, and
larging of the kingdom of Christ among them. The pe-
tion is propounded, *vers.* 1. 2. In the *next* place, is
acclamation with the Gentiles, glorifying of God at the
inbringing, now foreseen that it should come most cer-
tly, *vers.* 3. 4. In the *third* place, the church of the Je-
do applaud the second time the conversion of the G-
tiles, and their praising of God, promising to themsel-
that by that means the increase of God's blessing on the

follow, and the enlarging of the kingdom of God,
through all the world, *vers.* 5. 6 7.

Lord, unto us be merciful,
do thou us also bless;
and graciously cause shine on us
the brightness of thy face.
That so thy way upon the earth
to all men may be known,
also among the nations all,
thy saving health be shown.

Let the people praise thee, Lord,
let people all thee praise.

Let the nations be glad,
and sing for joy always:
for rightly thou shalt people judge,
and nations rule on earth.

Let people praise thee, Lord, let all
the folk praise thee with mirth.

Then shall the earth yield her increase,

God, our God bless us shall.

God shall us bless, and of the earth
the ends shall fear him all.

P S A L M LXVIII.

to the chief Musician, A psalm or song of Da-
vid.

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This psalm is very suitable to that time, when David having gotten the victory over his enemies round about, did assemble all Israel, and carried the ark of God, now returned from the land of the Philistines, triumphantly out of the house of Obed-Edom, into the city of David, a type of Christ's ascension after the work of redemption in the world. In which psalm, after the manner that Moses prayed unto God, or to Christ who was to be incarnate, when the ark did march, David prayeth here *first*, against the Lord's enemies, *vers.* 1. 2. And then for the Lord's people, *vers.* 3. In the *next* place, he exhorteth all the Lord's people to praise God, *vers.* 4. and giveth twelve or thirteen reasons for it. *First*, Because of his mercy to the desolate and afflicted, *vers.* 5. 6. *Secondly*, Because of his wonderfulness and terribleness in delivering of his people out of bondage, as appeared in his bringing of his people out of Egypt, and through the wilderness, *vers.* 7. 8. *Thirdly*, Because of his fatherly care to entertain his redeemed people, as did appear in his nourishing of his church in Canaan, *vers.* 9. 10. *Fourthly*, Because of the victories which he giveth usually to his people when their enemies do invade them, *vers.* 11. 12. *Fifthly*, Because of the delivery which he will give to his people out of their most sad calamities, as he hath oftentimes given proof, *vers.* 13. 14. *Sixthly*, Because his church is the most glorious kingdom in the world, being compared therewith, *vers.* 15. 16. *Seventhly*, Because Christ the King of the church, hath all the angels at his command to serve him; and having ended the work of redemption, was to ascend gloriously, for sending down gifts to his church, and ruling of it, *vers.* 17. 18. *Eighthly*, Because of God's bounty to his people, in daily renewed mercies, till he perfect the work of their salvation, *vers.* 19. 20. *Ninthly*, Because of his avenging of himself upon all his enemies, *vers.* 21. *Tenthly*, Because God hath undertaken to work over again in effect, as need shall require, what he hath done in bringing his people out of Egypt, and giving them victory over the Canaanites, *vers.* 22. 23. whereof the experience of his power, already manifested for Israel, was a proof and pledge sufficient, *vers.* 24. 25. 26. 27. *Eleventhly*, Because it was decreed by God, to establish his church, and to make her strong,

making kings to become converts, *vers.* 28. 29. and that
 partly by trading down some of her enemies, *vers.* 30.
 and partly by making others, even some of her greatest
 enemies, to seek reconciliation with God, even her God,
vers. 31. *Twelfthly.* He exhorteth to praise God, be-
 cause of his omnipotent power, in conversion of kingdoms,
 ready to be let forth for the defence of his people, *vers.*
 33. 34. and ready to overthrow their enemies, and
 for the strengthening of his church; for all which he
 exhorteth all to bless the Lord, *vers.* 35.

Et God arise, and scattered

let all his en'mies be;

And let all those that do him hate,

before his presence flee.

As smoke is driv'n, so drive thou them:

as fire melts wax away,

before God's face let wicked men

so perish and decay.

But let the righteous be glad,

let them before God's sight

be very joyful; yea, let them

rejoice with all their might.

To God sing, to his name sing praise:

extol him with your voice,

That rides on heav'n by his name J A H,

before his face rejoice.

Because the Lord a father is

unto the fatherless:

God is the widow's judge, within

his place of holiness.

- 6 God doth the solitary set
in fam'lies : and from bands
The chain'd doth free, but rebels do
inhabit parched lands.
- 7 O God, what time thou didst go forth
before thy people's face ;
And when through the great wilderness
thy glorious marching was :
- 8 Then at God's presence shook the earth,
then drops from heaven fell ;
This Sinai shook before the Lord,
the God of Israel.
- 9 O God, thou to thine heritage
didst send a plent'ous rain ;
Whereby thou, when it weary was,
didst it refresh again.
- 10 Thy congregation then did make
their habitation there :
Of thine own goodness for the poor,
O God, thou didst prepare.
- 11 The Lord himself did give the word,
the word abroad did spread :
Great was the company of them
the same who published.
- 12 Kings of great armies foiled were,
and forced to flee away,
And women, who remain'd at home,
did distribute the prey.

Though ye have lien among the pots,
like doves ye shall appear,
Whose wings with silver, and with gold
whose feathers cov'ed are.
When there th' Almighty scatt'ed kings,
like Salmon's snow 'twas white.
God's hill is like to Bashan hill,
like Bashan hill for height.

Why do ye leap, ye mountains high?
this is the hill where God
Desires to dwell; yea, God in it
for ay will make abode.
God's chariots twenty thousand are,
thousands of angels strong;
In's holy place God is, as in
mount Sinai them among.

Thou hast, O Lord, most glorious
ascended up on high,
And in triumph victorious led
captive captivity:
Thou hast received gifts for men,
for such as did rebel;
Yea, ev'n for them, that God the Lord
in midst of them might dwell.

Bless'd be the Lord, who is to us
of our salvation God,
Who daily with his benefits
us plent'ously doth load.

- 20 He of salvation is the God,
who is our God most strong ;
And unto God the Lord from death
the issues do belong.
- 21 But surely God shall wound the head
of those that are his foes :
The hairy scalp of him that still
on in his trespass goes.
- 22 God said, My people I will bring
again from Babylon hill,
Yea, from the seas devouring deeps
them bring again I will :
- 23 That in the blood of enemies
thy foot imbrew'd may be ;
And of thy dogs dip't in the same,
the tongues thou mayest see.
- 24 Thy goings they have seen, O God,
the steps of majesty
Of my God, and my mighty King,
within the sanctuary.
- 25 Before went singers, players next
on instruments took way,
And then among the damsels were
that did on timbrels play.
- 26 Within the congregations
blest God with one accord ;
From Israel's fountain do ye blest,
and praise the mighty Lord.

7 With their prince little Benjamin,
princes and counsel there
Of Judah were, there Zebulun's
and Napht'li's princes were. (strong
Thy God commands thy strength: make
what thou wrought'st for us, Lord.
For thy house at Jerusaleem,
kings shall thee gifts afford.

The spearmens host, the multitude
of bulls, which fiercely look,
Those calves, which people have forth sent,
O Lord our God, rebuke,
Till ev'ry one submit himself,
and silver pieces bring:
The people that delight in war
disperse, O God and King.

Those that be princes great, shall then
come out of Egypt lands,
And Ethiopia to God
shall soon stretch out her hands.
O all ye kingdoms of the earth,
sing praises to this King,
For he is Lord that ruleth all,
unto him praises sing.

To him that rides on heav'ns of heav'ns,
which he of old did found;
Lo, he sends forth his voice, a voice
in might that doth abound,

34 Strength unto God do ye ascribe ;
 for his excellency
 Is over Israel, his strength
 is in the clouds most high.

35 Thou'rt from thy temple dreadful, Lord,
 Isra'l's own God is he,
 Who gives his people strength, and pow'r :
 O let God blessed be.

To the chief musician upon Shoshannim, *A psalm*
 of David.

David, as a type of Christ, earnestly dealeth with God for a delivery from his perplexed condition, and from the malice of his adversaries; and doth find a comfortable event. There are three parts of the psalm. In the *first* is his prayer six times presented, and strengthened with new reasons, to *vers.* 22. In the *second* part of the psalm is his imprecation of ten plagues against his enemies, with some reasons added for the justice of the inflicting the plagues, mentioned to *vers.* 29. In the *third* part, are four evidences of his victory, from *vers.* 29. to the end. In all which, whatsoever is proper to the type, is to be referred to the type only; and whatsoever is fit also to be applied unto Christ the antitype, must be referred to him only, in that sense which is suitable to his majesty.

His prayer at *first*, is propounded in few words; *save me*, the reasons are four. The *first*, from the danger he was in, *vers.* 1. 2. The *next*, from his long and patient waiting for an answer to his prayer, *vers.* 3. The *third*, from the multitude, and malice, and iniquity of his enemies, *vers.* 4. The *fourth*, is by way of attestation of God, that he was innocent of that whereof he was charged by his enemies, joined in with his humble acknowledging of whatsoever other sins justice could charge upon him in any other respect, *vers.* 5.

Save

1. Save me, O God, because the floods
 2. do so environ me,
 3. that ev'n unto my very soul
 4. become in the waters be.
 5. And downward in deep mire do sink,
 6. where standing there is none :
 7. When into deep waters come,
 8. where floods have o'er me gone.
 9. How weary with my crying am,
 10. My throat is also dry'd,
 11. Mine eyes do fail, while for my God
 12. I waiting do abide.
 13. Those men that do without a cause
 14. Bear hatred unto me,
 15. Whan are the hairs upon my head,
 16. In number more they be :
 17. They that would me destroy, and are
 18. Mine en'mies wrongfully,
 19. Are mighty : so, what I took not,
 20. To render forc'd was I.
 21. Reprd, thou my folly know'st, my sins
 22. Not cov'red are from thee.
 23. Let none that that wait on thee be sham'd,
 24. O Lord God of hosts, for me :
 25. O Lord the God of Israel,
 26. Let none, who search do make,
 27. And seek thee, be at any time
 28. Confounded for my sake.

- 7 For I have born reproach for thee,
my face is hid with shame.
- 8 To brethren strange, to mother's sons
an alien I became.
- 9 Because the zeal did eat me up,
which to thy house I bare ;
And the reproaches cast at thee,
upon me fallen are.
- 10 My tears, and fasts t' afflict my soul,
were turned to my shame.
- 11 When sackcloth I did wear, to them
a proverb I became.
- 12 The men that in the gate do sit,
against me evil speak :
They also that vile drunkards were,
of me their song did make.
- 13 But in an acceptable time,
my pray'r, Lord, is to thee :
In truth of thy salvation, Lord,
and mercy great, hear me.
- 14 Deliver me out of the mire,
from sinking do me keep ;
Free me from those that do me hate,
and from the waters deep.
- 15 Let not the flood on me prevail,
whose water overflows ;
Nor deep me swallow, nor the pit
her mouth upon me close.

Hear me, O Lord, because thy love
and kindness is most good ;
Turn unto me, according to
thy mercies multitude,
Nor from thy servant hide thy face ;
I'm troubled, soon attend.
Draw near my soul, and it redeem ;
me from my foes defend.

To thee is my reproach well known,
my shame, and my disgrace :
Whose that mine adversaries be,
are all before thy face.
Reproach hath broke my heart, I'm full
of grief ; I look'd for one
to pity me, but none I found ;
comforters found I none.

They also bitter gall did give
unto me for my meat :
They gave me vinegar to drink,
when as my thirst was great.
Before them let their table prove
a snare ; and do thou make
their welfare and prosperity
a trap themselves to take.

Let thou their eyes so darkned be,
that sight may them forsake :
and let their loins be made by thee
continually to shake.

- 24 Thy fury pour thou out on them,
and indignation :
And let thy wrathful anger, Lord,
fast hold take them upon.
- 25 All waste and desolate let be
their habitation ;
And in their tabernacles all
inhabitants be none.
- 26 Because him they do persecute,
whom thou didst smite before ;
They talk unto the grief of those
whom thou hast wounded sore.
- 27 And thou iniquity unto
their former wickedness :
And do not let them come at all
into thy righteousness.
- 28 Out of the book of life let them
be raz'd and blotted quite ;
Among the just and righteous
let not their names be writ.
- 29 But now become exceeding poor
and sorrowful am I :
By thy salvation, O my God,
let me be set on high.
- 30 The name of God I with a song
most cheerfully will praise ;
And I, in giving thanks to him,
his name shall highly raise.

This to the Lord a sacrifice,
 more gracious shall prove,
 Than bullock, ox, or any beast,
 that hath both horn and hoof.
 When this the humble men shall see,
 it joy to them shall give :
 O all ye that do seek the Lord,
 your hearts shall ever live.

For God the poor hears, and will not
 his prisoners contemn.
 Let heav'n, and earth, and seas him praise,
 and all that move in them.
 For God will Judah's cities build,
 and he will Sion save ;
 That they may dwell therein, and it
 in sure possession have.
 And they that are his servants seed
 inherit shall the same ;
 So shall they have their dwelling there,
 that love his blessed name.

P S A L M LXX.

The chief musician, *A psalm* of David, to
 bring to remembrance.

This psalm is almost one in words with the latter end of Psalm
 wherein David being in present danger of his life by
 enemies, prayeth *first*, for speedy delivery, *vers. 1.*
2. For shameful disappointment to his enemies, *vers.*
3. And *thirdly*, for a comfortable life to all the godly,

vers. 4. from which condition albeit he himself was so far for the present, yet he professeth he doth rely on God by faith, and prayeth for a timeous delivery, *vers.* 5.

- 1 **M**Ake haste, O God, me to preserve,
with speed, Lord, succour me.
- 2 Let them that for my soul do seek,
sham'd and confounded be;
Let them be turn'd back, and sham'd,
that in my hurt delight.
- 3 Turn'd back be they, Ha ha, that say,
their shaming to requite.
- 4 O Lord, in thee let all be glad,
and joy that seek for thee:
Let them, who thy salvation love,
say still, God praised be.
- 5 But I both poor and needy am,
come, Lord, and make no stay;
My help thou and deliv'rer art,
O Lord, make no delay.

P S A L M LXXI.

This psalm is a prayer of David in his old age, requesting delivery from the conspiracy of Absalom, wherein wrestleth with the Lord by fervent supplication, in petitions, all tending to this purpose, that he may be delivered, to *vers.* 14. and from *vers.* 14. to the end, have his confidence to be delivered, set forth in four evidences thereof. Absalom here is not named, nor is particular case set down, otherwise than in general expressions, that so it may serve the better for the larger use.

church of God, and of the particular members thereof
in their afflictions.

O Lord, my hope and confidence
is plac'd in thee alone :
When let thy servant never be
put to confusion.

And let me in thy righteousness,
from thee deliv'rance have ;
Cause me escape, incline thine ear
unto me, and me save.

Be thou my dwelling rock, to which
I ever may resort :
Thou gav'st commandment me to save,
for thou'rt my rock and fort.
Free me, my God, from wicked hands,
hands cruel and unjust.
For thou, O Lord God, art my hope,
and from my youth, my trust.

Thou from the womb didst hold me up :
Thou art the same that me
out of my mother's bowels took,
I ever will praise thee.
To many I a wonder am ;
but thou'rt my refuge strong.
Will'd let my mouth be with thy praise
and honour, all day long.

Do not cast me off, when as
old age doth overtake me ;

- And, when my strength decayed is,
then do not thou forsake me.
- 10 For those that are mine enemies,
against me speak with hate :
And they together counsel take,
that for my soul lay wait.
- 11 They said, God leaves him ; him pursue
and take : none will him save.
- 12 Be thou not far from me, my God :
thy speedy help I crave.
- 13 Confound, consume them, that unto
my soul are enemies :
Cloth'd be they with reproach and shame
that do my hurt devise.
- 14 But I with expectation
will hope continually ;
And yet with praises more and more
I will thee magnify.
- 15 Thy justice and salvation
my mouth abroad shall show,
Ev'n all the day ; for I thereof
the numbers do not know.
- 16 And I will constantly go on
in strength of God the Lord :
And thine own righteousness, ev'n thine
alone, I will record.
- 17 For, even from my youth, O God,
by thee I have been taught :

And hitherto I have declar'd
The wonders thou hast wrought.

And now, Lord, leave me not when I
Old and gray-headed grow :

Will to this age thy strength and pow'r
To all to come I show.

And thy most perfect righteousness,
O Lord, is very high,
Who hast so great things done : O God,
who is like unto thee ?

Thou, Lord, who great adversities,
and sore to me didst show,
Shalt quicken, and bring me again
from depths of earth below.

My greatness, and my pow'r, thou wilt
increase, and far extend :

On ev'ry side, against all grief
thou wilt me comfort send.

Thee, ev'n thy truth I'll also praise,
my God, with psaltery :

Thou holy One of Israel,
with harp I'll sing to thee.

My lips shall much rejoice in thee,
when I thy praises sound :

My soul, which thou redeemed hast,
in joy shall much abound.

My tongue thy justice shall proclaim,
continuing all day long :

For they confounded are, and sham'd,
that seek to do me wrong.

P S A L M LXXII.

A psalm for Solomon.

In this psalm under the shadow of king Solomon's reign, Christ's gracious government is praised; and *first*, the church is taught to pray for a blessing on king David and his son's government, including Christ's, *vers. 1.* *Next*, The answer is given by the Spirit of the Lord in a prophecy of the blessedness of the reign, and kingdom of Christ the son of David, from *vers. 2. to vers. 18.* *Thirdly*, The use hereof is set down in thanksgiving unto God, *vers. 18. 19.* and herein is the accomplishment of all the desires of David, obtained by this satisfactory answer, *vers. 20.*

- 1 **O** Lord, thy judgments give the king,
his son thy righteousness.
- 2 With right he shall thy people judge,
thy poor with uprightnes.
- 3 The lofty mountains shall bring forth
unto the people peace;
Likewise the little hills the same
shall do by righteousness.
- 4 The people's poor ones he shall judge,
the needies children save:
And those shall he in pieces break,
who them oppressed have.
- 5 They shall thee fear, while sun and moon
do last, through ages all.

6 Like

The rain on mown grafs he shall drop,
 For show'rs on earth that fall.

He just shall flourish in his days,
 And prosper in his reign :
 He shall, while doth the moon endure,
 In abundant peace maintain.

His large and great dominion shall
 From sea to sea extend :
 From the river shall reach forth
 Unto earth's utmost end.

They in the wilderness that dwell,
 Shall bow down before him must :
 And they, that are his enemies,
 Shall lick the very dust.

Some kings of Tarshish, and the isles
 Unto him shall presents bring ;
 And unto him shall offer gifts
 The Sheba's and Seba's king.

Yea all the mighty kings on earth
 Before him down shall fall ;
 And all the nations of the world
 To do service to him shall.

For he the needy shall preserve,
 When he to him doth call ;
 The poor also, and him that hath
 No help of man at all.

The poor man and the indigent,
 In mercy he shall spare ;

He shall preserve alive the souls
of those that needy are.

14 Both from deceit and violence,
their soul he shall set free ;
And in his sight right precious
and dear their blood shall be.

15 Yea, he shall live, and giv'n to him
shall be of Sheba's gold ;
For him still shall they pray, and he
shall daily be extoll'd.

16 Of corn an handful in the earth
on tops of mountains high,
With prosp'rous fruit shall shake, like tree
on Lebanon that be.

The city shall be flourishing,
her citizens abound

In number shall, like to the grass
that grows upon the ground.

17 His name for ever shall endure,
last like the sun it shall :
Men shall be blest in him, and blest
all nations shall him call.

18 Now blessed be the Lord our God,
the Lord of Israel,
For he alone doth wondrous works,
in glory that excel.

19 And blessed be his glorious name
to all eternity ;

The whole earth let his glory fill :
Amen, so let it be.

The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

P S A L M LXXIII.

A psalm of Asaph.

The psalmist setteth down here the doctrine of God's goodness to the faithful, however he seem to deal with them, *vers.* 1. and cleareth it by his own experience : wherein, *vers.* 2. after he had stumbled to see the wicked prosper in this world, comparing his own calamities with their prosperity, *vers.* 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. he was like to be overcome with the temptation, and to forsake the way of godliness, *vers.* 13. 14. Next, with this temptation he wrestles, *vers.* 15. 16. And *thirdly*, he getteth victory, by consulting the word of God, *vers.* 17. 18. 20. In the *last* place, he maketh a fourfold use of this experience : the *first* whereof is, the acknowledging of his own weakness under the temptation, *vers.* 21. 22. The *second* is, the confessing of God's kindness to him in the time of temptation, *vers.* 23. The *third* is, the confirming of his own faith for time to come, *vers.* 24. 25. 26. The *fourth* is, his resolution to draw more near to God hereafter, *vers.* 27. 28.

LET God is good to Israel,
To each pure hearted one.
But as for me, my steps near slipt,
My feet were almost gone.
For I envious was, and grudg'd
To see the foolish folk to see,

When

When I perceiv'd the wicked sort
 enjoy prosperitie.

4 For still their strength continueth firm,
 their death of bands is free;

5 They are not toil'd as other men,
 nor plagu'd as others be.

6 Therefore their pride, like to a chain,
 them compasseth about:

And, as a garment, violence
 doth cover them throughout.

7 Their eyes stand out with fat, they have
 more than their hearts could wish.

8 They are corrupt, their talk of wrong
 both lewd and lofty is.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens
 in their blasphemous talk;

And their reproaching tongue throughout
 the earth at large doth walk.

10 His people oftentimes for this
 look back, and turn about;

Sith waters of so full a cup
 to these are poured out.

11 And thus they say, How can it be
 that God these things doth know?

Or, can there in the highest be,
 knowledge of things below?

12 Behold, these are the wicked ones,
 yet prosper at their will

worldly things, they do increase
in wealth and riches still.
I verily have done in vain
my heart to purify :
To no effect in innocence
washed my hands have I.

For daily, and all day throughout,
great plagues I suffer'd have ;
Yea, ev'ry morning I of new
did chastisement receive.
If in this manner foolishly
to speak I would intend,
Thy childrens generation,
behold, I should offend.

When I this thought to know it was
too hard a thing for me :
Till to God's sanctuary I went,
then I their end did see.
Assuredly thou didst them set
a slipp'ry place upon :
Them suddenly thou castedst down
into destruction.

How in a moment suddenly
to ruin brought are they !
With fearful terrors utterly
they are consum'd away.
Ev'n like unto a dream, when one
from sleeping doth arise ;

So thou, O Lord, when thou awak'st,
their image shalt despise.

21 Thus grieved was my heart in me,
and me my reins opprest :

22 So rude was I, and ignorant,
and in thy sight a beast.

23 Nevertheless continually,
O Lord, I am with thee :

Thou dost me hold by my right hand,
and still upholdest me.

24 Thou, with thy counsel, while I live,
wilt me conduct and guide ;

And to thy glory afterward
receive me to abide.

25 Whom have I in the heavens high,
but thee, O Lord, alone ?

And in the earth, whom I desire
besides thee, there is none.

26 My flesh and heart doth faint and fail,
but God doth fail me never :

For of my heart God is the strength,
and portion for ever.

27 For lo, they that are far from thee,
for ever perish shall :

Them that a whoring from thee go,
thou hast destroyed all.

28 But surely it is good for me,
that I draw near to God,

God I trust, that all thy works
 I may declare abroad.

P S A L M LXXIV.

Maschil of Asaph.

This psalm there are three parts. In the *first*, the *petition* of the church is presented unto God, because of the destruction of Jerusalem, and burning of the temple, by the Chaldeans, to *vers.* 11. In the *next*, is the strengthening of the faith and hope of God's people, that God would send a delivery, to *vers.* 18. In the *third*, there are many petitions for relief of his people, restitution of his work, and suppression of his enemies, to the end of the psalm.

God, why hast thou cast us off?
 is it for evermore?

Against thy pasture-sheep why doth
 thine anger smoke so sore?

call to thy remembrance

thy congregation,

which thou hast purchased of old;

Will think the same upon:

the rod of thine inheritance,

which thou redeemed hast;

this Sion hill, wherein thou hadst

thy dwelling in times past.

Oh these long desolations

by thy feet list, do not tarry:

Q

For

For all the ills thy foes have done
within thy sanctuary.

4 Amidst thy congregations
thine enemies do rore :
Their ensigns they set up, for signs
of triumph, thee before.

5 A man was famous, and was had
in estimation,
According as he lifted up
his axe thick trees upon.

6 But all at once with axes now,
and hammers they go to,
And down the carved work thereof
they break, and quite undo.

7 They fired have thy sanctuary,
and have defil'd the same,
By casting down unto the ground
the place where dwelt thy name.

8 Thus said they in their hearts, Let us
destroy them out of hand :
They burnt up all the synagogues
of God within the land.

9 Our signs we do not now behold ;
there is not us among
A prophet more, nor any one
that knows the time how long.

10 How long, Lord, shall the enemy
thus in reproach exclaim ?

And shall the adversary thus
always blaspheme thy name?
Thy hand, ev'n thy right hand of might,
why dost thou thus draw back?
O from thy bosom pluck it out,
for our deliv'rance sake.

For certainly God is my King,
ev'n from the times of old,
Working in midst of all the earth
salvation manifold.

The sea, by thy great pow'r, to part
asunder thou didst make:
And thou the dragons heads, O Lord,
within the waters brake.

The leviathan's heads thou brak'st
in pieces, and didst give
Him to be meat unto the folk
in wilderness that live.

Thou clav'st the fountain and the flood,
which did with streams abound:
Thou dry'dst the mighty waters up,
unto the very ground.

Thine only is the day, O Lord,
thine also is the night:
And thou alone prepared hast
the sun and shining light.
By thee the borders of the earth
were settled ev'ry where:

The summer and the winter both
by thee created were.

18 That th' enemy reproached hath,
O keep it in record ;
And that the foolish people have
blasphem'd thy name, O Lord.

19 Unto the multitude do not
thy turtle's soul deliver :
The congregation of thy poor
do not forget for ever.

20 Unto thy cov'nant have respect :
for earth's dark places be
Full of the habitations
of horrid cruelty.

21 O let not those that be oppress'd,
return again with shame :
Let those that poor and needy are,
give praise unto thy name.

22 Do thou, O God, arise, and plead
the cause that is thine own :
Remember how thou art reproach'd
still by the foolish one.

23 Do not forget the voice of those
that are thine enemies :
Of those the tumult ever grows,
that do against thee rise.

P S A L M LXXV.

the chief musician, Al-taschith, A psalm or
song of Asaph

This psalm doth well agree with the time of David's entry
into the kingdom after Saul's death, before he was esta-
blished king over all the tribes; wherein he with the church,
first, Doth thank God for bringing him wonderfully
to a begun possession of a part of the kingdom, *vers.*

Secondly, He promiseth, that when the Lord shall give
him the rest of the kingdom in possession, to employ his
power for righteous governing and settling of it, after it
shall be put once in a right frame, *vers.* 2. 3. *Thirdly*, He
begins to triumph over the wicked that followed Saul,
bringing to their minds the advertisement he had given
them, not to be proud in their places, *vers.* 4. 5. Partly,
because God had the disposing of preferments in his own
hand, *vers.* 6. 7. ; and partly, because albeit God gave to
all his own children a taste of troubles, as he saw fit, yet
the dregs of wrath were reserved for the wicked, *vers.* 8.

Fourthly, He promiseth praise to God continually, for
casting down the wicked, and exalting of the godly, *vers.*
10.

TO thee, O God, do we give thanks,
we do give thanks to thee :
because thy wondrous works declare
thy great name near to be.
purpose, when I shall receive
the congregation,
That I shall judgment uprightly
render to every one.

- 3 Dissolved is the land, with all
that in the same do dwell ;
But I the pillars thereof do
bear up, and 'stablish well.
- 4 I to the foolish people said,
Do not deal foolishly ;
And unto those that wicked are,
Lift not your horn on high.
- 5 Lift not your horn on high, nor speak
6 with stubborn neck. But know,
That nor from east, nor west, nor south,
promotion doth flow.
- 7 But God is judge : he puts down one,
and sets another up.
- 8 For in the hand of God most high
of red wine is a cup :
'Tis full of mixture ; he pours forth,
and makes the wicked all
Wring out the bitter dregs thereof ;
yea, and they drink them shall.
- 9 But I for ever will declare,
I Jacob's God will praise.
- 10 All horns of lewd men I'll cut off ;
but just mens horns will raise.

P S A L M LXXVI.

the chief musician on Neginoth, A psalm
or song of Asaph.

A psalm of praise was given forth upon occasion of some
great deliverance of the church, such as was that when Sen-
herib's host was destroyed, or some other like over-
throw given to the enemy.

The sum of the psalm is this, The Lord is glorious in his
church, and greatly to be praised by his people, set down
vers. 1. 2. The reasons given for this are six: The *first*,
vers. 3. the *second*, *vers.* 4. the *third*, *vers.* 5. 6. the
fourth, *vers.* 7. the *fifth*, *vers.* 8. 9. the *sixth*, *vers.* 10.
The use whereof, with a reason for it, is set down *vers.*
11. 12.

IN Judah's land is God well known,
his Name's in Isr'el great:

in Salem is his tabernacle,
in Sion is his seat.

There arrows of the bow he brake,
the shield, the sword, the war.

More glorious thou than hills of prey,
more excellent art far.

Those that were stout of heart, are spoil'd,
they slept their sleep outright;

And none of those their hands did find
that were the men of might.

When thy rebuke, O Jacob's God,
had forth against them past,

Their

Their horses and their chariots both
were in a dead sleep cast.

7 Thou, Lord, ev'n thou art he that should
be fear'd, and who is he
That may stand up before thy sight,
if once thou angry be?

8 From heav'n thou judgment caus'd be heard
the earth was still with fear,

9 When God to judgment rose, to save
all meek on earth that were.

10 Surely the very wrath of man
unto thy praise redounds:
Thou to the remnant of his wrath
wilt set restraining bounds.

11 Vow to the Lord your God, and pay,
all ye that near him be;
Bring gifts and presents unto him,
for to be fear'd is he.

12 By him the sp'rits shall be cut off
of those that princes are:
Unto the kings that are on earth,
he fearful doth appear.

P S A L M LXXVII.

To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, A psalm of
David.

This psalm doth express the deep exercise of the Psalmist,
troubled with the sense of God's displeasure, and how he
wrestled under this condition, and had deliverance from it;
which

which is summarily propounded, *vers.* 1. and made plain
 more particularly in the rest of the psalm: for *first*, He
 layeth down his trouble of mind, *vers.* 2. 3. 4. *Secondly*,
 his wrestling with the sense of felt wrath, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8.
Thirdly, His begun victory by faith, *vers.* 10. 11. 12.
Fourthly, The settling of his mind by consideration of
 God's manner of dealing with his church of old, to the
 end of the psalm.

U NTO the Lord I with my voice,
 I unto God did cry

and with my voice, and unto me
 in his ear he did apply.

When in my trouble sought the Lord;
 my sore by night did run,
 and ceased not: my grieved soul
 did consolation shun.

unto remembrance God did call,
 yet trouble did remain;
 and overwhelm'd my spirit was,
 whilst I did sore complain.

mine eyes, debarr'd from rest and sleep,
 thou makest still to wake:

My trouble is so great, that I
 am unable am to speak.

the days of old to mind I call'd,
 as and oft did think upon
 the times and ages that are past
 full many years ago.

My night my song I call to mind,
 and commune with my heart,

My sp'rit did carefully inquire
how I might ease my smart.

7 For ever will the Lord cast off,
and gracious be no more?

8 For ever is his mercy gone?
fails his word evermore?

9 Is't true, that to be gracious
the Lord forgotten hath?
And that his tender mercies he
hath shut up in his wrath?

10 Then did I say, That surely this
is mine infirmity :
I'll mind the years of the right hand
of him that is most high.

11 Yea, I remember will the works
performed by the Lord :
The wonders done of old by thee,
I surely will record.

12 I also will of all thy works
my meditation make,
And of thy doings to discourse
great pleasure I will take.

13 O God, thy way most holy is
within thy sanctuary :
And what God is so great in pow'r,
as is our God most high?

14 Thou art the God that wonders dost
by thy right hand most strong ;

By mighty pow'r thou hast declar'd
the nations among.

To thine own people with thine arm
thou didst redemption bring ;

To Jacob's sons, and to the tribes
of Joseph that do spring.

The waters, Lord, perceived thee,

the waters saw thee well ;

and they for fear aside did flee ;

the depths on trembling fell.

The clouds in water forth were pour'd,

and sound loudly did the sky ;

and swiftly through the world abroad

thy arrows fierce did fly.

Thy thunder's voice alongst the heav'n

a mighty noise did make :

thy lightnings light'ned was the world,

th' earth tremble did and shake.

Thy way is in the sea, and in

the waters great thy path ;

yet are thy footsteps hid, O Lord,

and none knowledge thereof hath.

Thy people thou didst safely lead

like to a flock of sheep,

by Moses's hand, and Aaron's, thou

didst them conduct and keep.

P S A L M LXXVIII.

Maschil of Asaph.

In this psalm the Lord's spirit doth stir up his people to make a right use of the Lord's works of justice and mercy set down in holy scripture; and to this end he giveth account of Gods dealing very mercifully with his people, and never in justice, but when mercy was abused; and sheweth also the people's dealing with God unthankfully and deceitfully, whether he dealt mercifully or in justice with them.

The psalm may be divided thus: *After* a preface to prepare the hearer for attention and observation of what he was to deliver, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. he bringeth forth, *first*, The evidence of God's gracious care he had of his people, giving them his blessed word, to teach them faith and obedience, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8. *Secondly*, The evidence of God's judgment against his people, who were put to flight before their foes, when they did not believe the Lord, and did not make use of his works among them, *vers.* 9. 10. 11. *Thirdly*, He setteth down how great things God did for them in *Egypt*, and in the wilderness, *vers.* 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. *Fourthly*, How they made no better use of these mercies, than to tempt God, and provoke him to wrath, *vers.* 17. 18. 19. 20. *Fifthly*, How, for their tempting of God he was angry at them for their unbelief, and not considering of the miraculous feeding of them with manna, *vers.* 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. and how in wrath he satisfied their lust by sending quails for them, to eat flesh their fill, *vers.* 26. 27. 28. 29. *Sixthly*, How, because they repented not of their provocation, the Lord did plague them, and they went on in their misbelief and disobedience; and God went on in the course of multiplying judgments on them, and cutting off multitudes of them, *vers.* 30. 31. 32. 33. *Seventhly*, How they at last made a fashion of repenting and seeking of God, but proved in effect nothing but flattering and dissembling hypocrites, unconstant in the covenant, *vers.* 34. 35. 36. 37. *Eighthly*, How the Lord in mercy pitied and spared them many a time, notwithstanding

All their provocations of his justice against them, *vers.*
 9. 40. 41. *Ninthly*, He setteth down the prime cause
 of this their sin and misery, because they marked not,
 made no use of the difference that God put between the
 Egyptians and them; nor how for their cause he had plagued
 the Egyptians with plague after plague, *vers.* 42. 43.
 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. and brought their fathers
 out of Egypt, when their enemies were drowned be-
 fore their eyes, *vers.* 52. 53. *Tenthly*, He setteth down
 how the Lord perfecteth their journey to Canaan, and
 brought them to the possession of it, thrusting out the
 Canaanites, that they might have place, *vers.* 54. 55. *Eleventhly*,
 How they, for all this, provoked God to anger
 by their idolatry and superstition, *vers.* 56. 57. 58.
Twelfthly, How the Lord, for this their oft-repeated pro-
 vocation, did miserably vex them in the days of Eli and
 Samuel, giving over his ark into the Philistines hand, and
 filling their country with variety of plagues, *vers.* 59.
 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. *Thirteenthly*, How God of his free
 mercy put his enemies to shame, and restored religion and
 liberty to church and kingdom, *vers.* 65. 66. *And lastly*,
 How he brought them to a settled condition under
 David, who was a type of Christ, *vers.* 67. 68. 69. 70. 71.

Attend, my people, to my law,
 And thereto give thou an ear:
 The words that from my mouth proceed,
 Attentively do hear.
 My mouth shall speak a parable,
 And sayings dark of old:
 The same which we have heard and known,
 And us our fathers told.
 We also will them not conceal
 From their posterity:

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- Them to the generation
 to come declare will we :
 The praises of the Lord our God,
 and his almighty strength,
 The wondrous works that he hath done
 we will shew forth at length.
- 5 His testimony and his law
 in Isr'el he did place,
 And charg'd our fathers it to show
 to their succeeding race.
- 6 That so the race which was to come,
 might well them learn and know ;
 And sons unborn, who should arise,
 might to their sons them show.
- 7 That they might set their hope in God
 and suffer not to fall
 His mighty works out of their mind,
 but keep his precepts all :
- 8 And might not, like their fathers, be
 a stiff rebellious race,
- 9 { A race not right in heart ; with God
 whose sp'rit not stedfast was.
- 9 The sons of Ephraim, who nor bows,
 nor other arms did lack,
 When 'as the day of battle was,
 they faintly turned back,
- 10 They brake God's cov'nant, and refus'd
 in his commands to go.

his works and wonders they forgot,
which he to them did show.

Things marvellous he brought to pass ;
their fathers them beheld

Within the land of Egypt done,
yea, ev'n in Zoan's field.

By him divided was the sea,
he caus'd them through to pass ;
and made the waters so to stand
as like an heap it was.

With cloud by day, with light of fire
all night he did them guide.

In desert rocks he clave, and drink
as from great depths supply'd.

He from the rock brought streams, like floods
made waters to run down.

Yet sinning more, in desert they
provok'd the highest One.

For in their heart they tempted God,
and, speaking with mistrust,

They greedily did meat require
to satisfy their lust.

Against the Lord himself they spake,
and murmuring said thus,

A table in the wilderness
can God prepare for us ?

Behold, he smote the rock, and thence
came streams and waters great ;

But can he give his people bread?
and send them flesh to eat?

21 The Lord did hear, and waxed wroth,
so kindled was a flame

'Gainst Jacob, and 'gainst Israel
up indignation came.

22 For they believ'd not God, nor trust
in his salvation had:

23 Though clouds above he did command,
and heav'n's doors open made;

24 And manna rain'd on them, and gave
them corn of heav'n to eat.

25 Man angels food did eat, to them
he to the full sent meat.

26 And in the heaven he did cause
an eastern wind to blow;

And by his power he let out
the southern wind to go.

27 Then flesh as thick as dust he made
to rain down them among;

And feather'd fowls, like as the sand
which ly'th the shore along.

28 At his command, amidst their camp
these show'rs of flesh down fell,

All round about the tabernacles,
and tents where they did dwell.

29 So did they eat abundantly,
and had of meat their fill;

For he did give to them what was
their own desire and will.

They from their lust had not estrang'd
their heart and their desire ;
But while the meat was in their mouth,
which they did so require,
God's wrath upon them came, and slew
the fattest of them all ;
So that the choice of Israel,
o'erthrown by death, did fall.

Yet, notwithstanding of all this,
they sinned still the more :
And, though he had great wonders wrought,
believ'd him not therefore.
Wherefore their days in vanity
he did consume and waste ;
And by his wrath their wretched years
away in trouble past.

But when he slew them, then they did
to seek him shew desire :
Yea, they return'd, and after God
right early did inquire.
And that the Lord had been their rock
they did remember then ;
Ev'n that the high almighty God
had their redeemer been.

Yet with their mouth they flatter'd him,
and spake but feignedly ;

And they unto the God of truth
with their false tongues did lye.

37 For though their words were good, their
with him was not sincere : (hear
Unstedfast and perfidious
they in his cov'nant were.

38 But full of pity, he forgave
their sin, them did not slay :
Nor stirr'd up all his wrath, but oft
his anger turn'd away.

39 For that they were but fading flesh
to mind he did recal,
A wind that passeth soon away,
and not returns at all.

40 How often did they him provoke
within the wilderness ;
And in the desert did him grieve
with their rebelliousness ?

41 Yea, turning back, they tempted God,
and limits set upon
Him, who in midst of Isr'el is
the only holy One.

42 They did not call to mind his pow'r,
nor yet the day when he
Deliver'd them out of the band
of their fierce enemy.

43 Nor how great signs in Egypt land
he openly had wrought,

That miracles in Zoan's field
his hands to pass had brought.

How lakes and rivers ev'ry where
he turned into blood ;

So that no man nor beast could drink
of standing lake or flood.

He brought among them swarms of flies,
which did them sore annoy ;

And divers kinds of filthy frogs
he sent them to destroy.

He to the caterpillar gave
the fruits of all their soil ;

Their labours he deliver'd up
unto the locusts spoil.

Their vines with hail, their sycamores
he with the frost did blast.

Their beasts to hail he gave, their flocks
hot thunder-bolts did waste.

Fierce burning wrath he on them cast,
and indignation strong,

And troubles sore, by sending forth
ill angels them among.

He to his wrath made way, their soul
from death he did not save ;

But over to the pestilence
the lives of them he gave.

In Egypt land the first-born all
he smote down ev'ry where ;

Among

Amongst the tents of Ham, ev'n those
chief of their strength that were.

52 But his own people like to sheep
thence to go forth he made ;
And he amidst the wilderness
them as a flock did lead.

53 And he them safely on did lead,
so that they did not fear :
Whereas their en'mies by the sea
quite overwhelmed were.

54 To borders of his sanctuary
the Lord his people led,
Ev'n to the mount, which his right hand
for them had purchased.

55 The nations of Canaan
by his almighty hand
Before their face he did expel
out of their native land,
Which for inheritance to them
by line he did divide,
And made the tribes of Israel
within their tents abide.

56 Yet God most high they did provoke,
and tempted ever still,
And to observe his testimonies
did not incline their will.

57 But like their fathers turned back,
and dealt unfaithfully :

Aside they turned, like a bow
that shoots deceitfully.

For they to anger did provoke
him with their places high ;
And with their graven images
mov'd him to jealousy.

When God heard this, he waxed wroth,
and much loth'd Isr'el then :

So Shiloh's tent he left, the tent
which he had plac'd with men :

And he his strength delivered
into captivity,

He left his glory in the hand
of his proud enemy.

His people also he gave o'er
unto the sword's fierce rage :

So sore his wrath inflamed was
against his heritage.

The fire consum'd their choice young men :
their maids no marriage had.

And when their priests fell by the sword,
their wives no mourning made.

But then the Lord arose, as one
that doth from sleep awake ;

And like a giant that by wine
refresh'd, a shout doth make.

Upon his en'mies hinder parts
he made his stroke to fall ;

And

And so upon them he did put
a shame perpetual.

67 Moreover, he the tabernacle
of Joseph did refuse :

The mighty tribe of Ephraim
he would in no wise chuse.

68 But he did chuse Jehudah's tribe
to be the rest above ;

And of mount Sion he made choice,
which he so much did love.

69 And he his sanctuary built,
like to a palace high,

Like to the earth, which he did found
to perpetuity.

70 Of David, that his servant was,
he also choice did make ;

And ev'n from the folds of sheep
was pleased him to take.

71 From waiting on the ewes with young,
he brought him forth to feed

Israel his inheritance,
his people Jacob's seed.

72 So after the integrity

he of his heart them fed ;

And by the good skill of his hands
them wisely governed.

P S A L M LXXIX.

A psalm of Asaph.

The scattered and captive people of God, after the destruction of Jerusalem and of the temple, do put up a pitiful complaint unto God, to *vers.* 6. and do pray for a merciful relief to his church, and for avenging their blood upon their enemies. As for the complaint, in it they lament four things. *First*, The profanation and desolation of the Lord's inheritance and temple by the heathen their enemies, *vers.* 1. *Secondly*, The barbarous cruelty and inhumanity used against them, *vers.* 2. 3. *Thirdly*, The contempt and mocking of their wicked neighbours in their misery, *vers.* 4. *Fourthly*, As they acknowledge this to proceed from God's displeasure, so they lament that it is like to be everlasting, *vers.* 5.

In their prayer, in the latter part of the psalm, they crave, *First*, Justice upon their enemies, *vers.* 6. 7. *Secondly*, Pardon of their own sins, and deliverance out of their misery, for sundry reasons, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. 11. *Thirdly*, That God would reward their inhumane neighbours, who mocked at their misery, *vers.* 12. And do close their petition with a promise of praise and thanks unto God by the church in all succeeding ages.

O God, the heathen enter'd have
 thine heritage, by them
 Defiled is thy house: on heaps
 they laid Jerusalem.
 The bodies of thy servants they
 have cast forth to be meat
 To rav'nous fowls, thy dear saints flesh
 they gave to beasts to eat.

3 Their

- 3 Their blood about Jerusalem
like water they have shed :
And there was none to bury them,
when they were slain and dead.
- 4 Unto our neighbours a reproach
most base become are we :
A scorn and laughing-stock to them
that round about us be.
- 5 How long, Lord, shall thine anger
wilt thou still keep the same ?
And shall thy fervent jealousy
burn like unto a flame ?
- 6 On heathens pour thy fury forth,
that have thee never known,
And on those kingdoms which thy name
have never call'd upon.
- 7 For these are they who Jacob have
devoured cruelly,
And they his habitation
have caused waste to lie.
- 8 Against us mind not former sins :
thy tender mercies show,
Let them prevent us speedily :
for we're brought very low.
- 9 For thy name's glory, help us, Lord,
who hast our Saviour been :
Deliver us, for thy name's sake
O purge away our sin.

Why say the heathen, Where's their God?
 let him to them be known,
 When those who shed thy servants blood
 are in our sight o'erthrown.

O let the pris'ners sighs ascend
 before thy sight on high:
 preserve those in thy mighty pow'r,
 that are design'd to die.
 And to our neighbours bosom cause
 it sev'nfold render'd be,
 Ev'n the reproach wherewith they have,
 O Lord, reproached thee.

So we thy folk, and pasture-sheep,
 shall give thee thanks always:
 And unto generations all
 we will shew forth thy praise.

P S A L M LXXX.

the chief musician upon Sheshannim, Eduth,
 A psalm of Asaph.

This psalm given the church to be made use of, is of the like
 subject with the former; and may be applied to the
 case of carrying away the ten tribes out of the holy land,
 while Judah was yet in possession of it, and the temple
 was yet standing, and the Lord was dwelling between the
 cherubims in the sanctuary, where the ark and mercy-seat
 were yet remaining; or to the time of the begun desolation
 of the land by Nebuchadnezzar, or to any other desolation
 which did threaten their final rooting out. The sum of the
 psalm is a lamenting of the miserable condition of the Israel-
 ites, and an earnest intreating of the Lord to give them

repentance and a delivery. In the *first* place, The church maketh her address to God, and propoundeth the petition, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. In the *second* place, They lament their misery, and repeat the same petition, *vers.* 4. 5. 6. In the *third* place, They call to mind the Lord's care to plant his people in the land as a vine-tree, and do lament the doleful change of their happy condition into their present misery, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. In the *fourth* place, They pray for God's mercy and pity to his desolate people, *vers.* 14. 15. 16. In the *last* place, They pray for the standing of the tribe of Judah, and for Christ's cause, who was to take his human nature of this tribe; and do close the psalm with repeating the third time their special petition for repentance and delivery to be granted unto them, *vers.* 17. 18. 19.

- 1 **H**ear, Isr'el's shepherd, like a flock
thou that dost Joseph guide;
Shine forth, O thou that dost between
the cherubims abide.
- 2 In Ephraim's, and Benjamin's,
and in Manasseh's sight,
O come for our salvation,
stir up thy strength and might.
- 3 Turn us again, O Lord our God,
and upon us vouchsafe
To make thy countenance to shine,
and so we shall be safe.
- 4 O Lord of hosts, almighty God,
how long shall kindled be
Thy wrath against the prayer made
by thine own folk to thee?

Thou tears of sorrow giv'st to them,
instead of bread, to eat :

Yea, tears instead of drink thou giv'st
to them in measure great.

Thou makest us a strife unto
our neighbours round about :

Our enemies among themselves
at us do laugh and flout.

Turn us again, O God of hosts,
and upon us vouchsafe

To make thy countenance to shine,
and so we shall be safe.

A vine from Egypt brought thou hast,
by thine out-stretched hand :

And thou the heathen out didst cast,
to plant it in their land.

Before it thou a room didst make,
where it might grow and stand ;

Thou causedst it deep root to take,
and it did fill the land,

The mountains veil'd were with its shade,
as with a covering ;

Like goodly cedars were the boughs
which out from it did spring.

Upon the one hand, to the sea
her boughs she did out send ;

On th' other side, unto the flood
her branches did extend.

- 12 Why hast thou then thus broken down
and ta'en her hedge away,
So that all passengers do pluck,
and make of her a prey?
- 13 The boar who from the forest comes,
doth waste it at his pleasure;
The wild-beast of the field also
devours it out of measure.
- 14 O God of hosts, we thee beseech,
return now unto thine:
Look down from heav'n in love, behold
and visit this thy vine;
- 15 This vineyard which thine own right hand
hath planted us among,
And that same branch, which for thyself
thou hast made to be strong.
- 16 Burnt up it is with flaming fire,
it also is cut down:
They utterly are perished
when as thy face doth frown.
- 17 O let thy hand be still upon
the man of thy right hand,
The son of man, whom for thyself
thou madest strong to stand.
- 18 So henceforth we will not go back,
nor turn from thee at all:
O do thou quicken us, and we
upon thy name will call.

Turn us again, Lord God of hosts,
and upon us vouchsafe
To make thy countenance to shine,
and so we shall be safe.

P S A L M LXXXI.

the chief musician upon Gittith, *A psalm*
of Asaph.

This psalm was appointed to be sung in their solemn feasts, new moons, and feast of tabernacles; in special, for a testimony of God's gracious and bountiful dealing with his people on the one hand, and of their provocation of God on the other hand, moving him to change his dispensation toward them, and to withhold many benefits from them, which otherwise they might have had, if they had not rejected God's counsel, and had chosen *their own ways*; that this psalm his people might learn to be wiser.

The first parts of the psalm are three. The *first* is a preface, wherein there is a mutual stirring up of the church-members, to keep the solemn feasts, and blowing of trumpets, *vers. 1. 2. 3.* and a reason of this mutual exhortation, taken from God's institution of this ordinance when he brought his people out of Egypt from the service of strangers, *vers. 4. 5.*

The *second* part is set down, how God delivered them from bondage in Egypt, and from troubles in their journey, *vers. 6. 7.* and how reasonable commands the Lord did give unto them, which commands are all summed up in this one, *That God should be their God alone, vers. 8. 9.*

The *third* part is set down, *First*, How they rejected God and his counsel, *vers. 11.* *Next*, How therefore they were plagued, by being given over to their own lusts, *vers. 12.* *Thirdly*, How they deprived themselves of God's

benefits, which, by following God's counsel, they might have enjoyed, *vers.* 13. 14. 15.

- 1 Sing loud to God our strength: with joy
to Jacob's God do sing.
- 2 Take up a psalm, the pleasant harp,
timbrel and psalt'ry bring.
- 3 Blow trumpets at new-moon, what day
our feast appointed is.
- 4 For charge to Itr'el, and a law
of Jacob's God was this.
- 5 To Joseph this a testimony
he made, when Egypt land
He travell'd through, where speech I heard
I did not understand.
- 6 His shoulder I from burdens took,
his hands from pots did free.
- 7 Thou didst in trouble on me call,
and I deliver'd thee;
In secret place of thundering
I did thee answer make;
And at the streams of Meribah
of thee a proof did take.
- 8 O thou my people, give an ear,
I'll testify to thee:
To thee, O Itr'el, if thou wilt
but hearken unto me.

In midst of thee there shall not be
any strange god at all:

Nor unto any god unknown
thou bowing down shalt fall.

I am the Lord thy God, which did
from Egypt land thee guide:

I'll fill thy mouth abundantly,
do thou it open wide.

But yet my people to my voice
would not attentive be;

And ev'n my chosen Israel
he would have none of me.

So to the lust of their own hearts
I them delivered:

And then in counsels of their own
they vainly wandered.

O that my people had me heard,
Isr'el my ways had chose!

I had their en'mies soon subdu'd,
my hand turn'd on their foes.

The haters of the Lord, to him
submission should have feign'd:

But as for them, their time should have,
for evermore remain'd.

He should have also fed them with
the finest of the wheat:

Of honey from the rock, thy fill
I should have made thee eat.

P S A L M LXXXII.

A psalm of Asaph.

This psalm agreeth with the time of David's persecution by Saul and his counsellors, the peers of the land; where the psalmist comforteth himself in God's supremacy, and his judging of all judges on the earth; for execution whereof God cometh unto their meeting, *vers.* 1. Th challenge them for their injustice and oppression, *vers.* 2. *Thirdly*, Readeth the law and rule of their duty unto them, *vers.* 3. 4. *Fourthly*, Condemneth them as guilty, *vers.* 5. *Fifthly*, Pronounceth sentence of doom upon them, *vers.* 6. 7. And then the Psalmist closeth the psalm with prayer, *vers.* 8.

- 1 **I**N gods assembly God doth stand:
He judgeth gods among.
- 2 How long, accepting persons vile,
will ye give judgment wrong?
- 3 Defend the poor and fatherless:
to poor oppress'd do right.
- 4 The poor and needy ones set free:
rid them from ill mens might.
- 5 They know not, nor will understand;
in darkness they walk on:
All the foundations of the earth
out of their course are gone.
- 6 I said that you are gods, and are
sons of the Highest all:
- 7 But ye shall die like men, and as
one of the princes fall.

O God, do thou raise up thyself,
 the earth to judgment call:
 or thou, as thine inheritance,
 shalt take the nations all.

P S A L M LXXXIII.

A song or psalm of Asaph.

This psalm agreeth with such a condition of the church, as
 we read of in the days of Jehoshaphat, 2 Chron. xx. and
 serveth to comfort the church in the greatest conspiracies
 of her enemies against her. The psalm hath two parts.
 In the former, The church doth cry to God to shew him-
 self for his people, *vers.* 1. and complaineth of their con-
 spiracy and preparation to come against her, *vers.* 2. 3.
 and of their purpose to root out the Lord's people, *vers.*
 4. 5. specifying a number of nations who were upon the
 point, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. In the latter part, They pray that
 judgment may so beset them, as beset other such their ene-
 mies before, who enterprised the same enterprise, *vers.*
 9. 10. 11. 12. In particular, that the whole host may be
 returned and consumed, *vers.* 13. 14. and the remnant
 may be chased and scattered, *vers.* 15. and ashamed and
 confounded for ever, *vers.* 16. 17. that so God may have
 the more glory among them, *vers.* 18.

Keep not, O God, we thee intreat,
 O keep not silence now:
 Do thou not hold thy peace, O God,
 and still no more be thou.
 For lo, thine enemies a noise
 tumultuously have made:
 and they that haters are of thee,
 have lifted up the head.

- 3 Against thy chosen people they
do crafty counsel take,
And they against thy hidden ones
do consultations make.
- 4 Come, let us cut them off, said they,
from being a nation ;
That of the name of Isr'el may
no more be mention.
- 5 For with joint heart they plot ; in league
against thee they combine.
- 6 The tents of Edom, Ishma'lites,
Moab's, and Hagar's line.
- 7 Gebal, and Ammon, Amalek,
Philistines, those of Tyre ;
- 8 And Assur join'd with them : to help
Lot's children they conspire.
- 9 Do to them, as to Midian,
Jabin at Kison strand ;
- 10 And Sis'ra, which at Endor fell,
as dung to fat the land.
- 11 Like Oreb, and like Zeeb make
their noble men to fall :
Like Zeba, and Zalmunna-like,
make thou their princes all :
- 12 Who said, For our possession
let us God's houses take.
- 13 My God, them like a wheel, as chaff
before the wind, them make.

As fire consumes the wood, as flame
doth mountains set on fire;
Chafe and affright them with the storm
and tempest of thine ire.

Their faces fill with shame, O Lord,
that they may seek thy name.

Let them confounded be, and vex'd,
and perish in their shame:

That men may know, that thou to whom
alone doth appertain

The name JEHOVAH, dost most high
o'er all the earth remain.

P S A L M LXXXIV.

The chief musician upon Gittith, A psalm
for the sons of Korah.

This psalm is of the same subject with Psalm xlii. and Psalm
lvi. Wherein the Psalmist lamenteth his banishment
from the temple, and the public ordinances of religion, to
vers. 8. and then prayeth for his restoring to that privi-
lege in the rest of the psalm. This psalm agreeth well
with the time of David's parting with the ark, when he
went from Absalom.

First, He commendeth the place of pu-
blic worship, *vers.* 1. Then sheweth his longing after it,
vers. 2. *Thirdly*, He wisheth to be as a sparrow, in the
lowest condition partaker of that privilege, *vers.* 3.
Fourthly, He proclaimeth the blessedness of all the Lord's
ministers, who may always be there, *vers.* 4. *Fifthly*,
He calleth them blessed who have liberty to come on foot
into any part of the country, to keep at least the solemn
feasts, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. In his prayer, he requests in general
terms, to be restored to the Lord's worship, *vers.* 8. 9.
for

for two reasons. One is, Because he preferreth the meane officers condition in God's house to the most quiet dwelling among the wicked, *vers.* 10. Another reason, Because felicity is to be found in God, by the means of his ordinances, *vers.* 11. and mean time while his prayer should be granted, he resteth by faith on God, in whom believers are made blessed, where-ever they be.

- 1 **H**OW lovely is thy dwelling-place,
 O Lord of hosts, to me!
 The tabernacles of thy grace,
 how pleasant, Lord, they be!
- 2 My thirsty soul longs veh'mently,
 yea, fainst thy courts to see:
 My very heart and flesh cry out,
 O living God, for thee.
- 3 Behold, the sparrow findeth out
 a house wherein to rest;
 The swallow also for herself
 hath purchased a nest,
 Ev'n thine own altars, where she safe
 her young odes forth may bring,
 O thou Almighty, Lord of hosts,
 who art my God and King.
- 4 Bless'd are they in thy house that dwell,
 they ever give thee praise.
- 5 Bless'd is the man whose strength thou art,
 in whose heart are thy ways.
- 6 Who passing thorough Bacca's vale,
 therein do dig up wells;

Also the rain that falleth down
the pools with water fills.

So they from strength unweari'd go
still forward unto strength,
Until in Zion they appear
before the Lord at length.

Lord God of hosts, my prayer hear :
O Jacob's God, give ear.

See, God our shield, look on the face
of thine anointed dear.

For in thy courts one day excels
a thousand : rather in

My God's house will I keep a door,
than dwell in tents of sin.

For God the Lord's a sun and shield :
he'll grace and glory give :

And will with-hold no good from them
that uprightly do live.

O thou that art the Lord of hosts,
that man is truly blest,

Who by assured confidence
on thee alone doth rest.

P S A L M LXXXV.

To the chief musician, A psalm for the sons of
Korah.

This psalm agreeth well with the condition of the church of
the Jews now fallen into new troubles, after their return
from

from the captivity of Babylon. In the former part where of they pray for a new proof and experience of God's mercy, to *vers.* 8. In the latter part is set down a comfortable answer to their prayer, and for the help of their faith in their prayer. *First*, They make mention of their glorious delivery from the captivity, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. *Next*, They pray for repentance, and removing of the tokens of God's wrath, *vers.* 4. 5. *Thirdly*, They pray for restoration of their miserable and dead condition wherein they were lying, by some merciful deliverance, *vers.* 6. 7.

As for the answer in the latter part, he prepareth himself to receive it from the Lord, and by inspiration receiveth indeed a comfortable prophecy of five notable fruits of his mercy. The *first* is, Of peace to God's people, *vers.* 8. The *next* is, Of deliverance and salvation to his servants, *vers.* 9. The *third* is, Of the grace of Christ unto justification, and the fruits of it, *vers.* 10. 11. The *fourth* is, Of temporal blessings, upon the place where the Lord's people do dwell, and that for his people's comfort, *vers.* 12. The *fifth* is, Of the grace of Christ unto sanctification, *vers.* 13.

- 1 **O** Lord thou hast been favourable
to thy beloved land :
Jacob's captivity thou hast
recall'd with mighty hand.
- 2 Thou pardoned thy people hast
all their iniquities,
Thou all their trespasses and sins
hast cover'd from thine eyes.
- 3 Thou took'st off all thine ire, and turn'dst
from thy wrath's furiousness.
- 4 Turn us, God of our health, and cause
thy wrath 'gainst us to cease.

Shall thy displeasure thus endure
 against us without end?
 Wilt thou to generations all
 thine anger forth extend?
 That in thee may thy people joy,
 wilt thou not us revive?
 Shew us thy mercy, Lord, to us
 do thy salvation give.
 Will hear what God the Lord will speak:
 to his folk he'll speak peace,
 and to his saints: but let them not
 return to foolishness.
 To them that fear him, surely near
 is his salvation;
 That glory in our land may have
 her habitation.
 Truth met with mercy, righteousness
 and peace kiss'd mutually.
 Truth springs from earth, and righteousness
 looks down from heaven high.
 Yea, what is good the Lord shall give:
 our land shall yield increase.
 Justice, to set us in his steps,
 shall go before his face.

P S A L M LXXXVI.

A prayer of David.

This psalm agreeth well with the time when David was in
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trouble, being persecuted by Saul. The sum of it was prayer for relief, consisting of seven petitions, some of them more generally, some of them more particularly expressing his trouble, and his desire of relief: all which petitions have reasons joined unto them, serving to strengthen the faith of the supplicant.

- 1 **O** Lord, do thou bow down thine ear,
and hear me graciously:
Because I sore afflicted am,
and am in poverty.
- 2 Because I'm holy, let my soul
by thee preserved be:
O thou my God, thy servant save
that puts his trust in thee.
- 3 Sith unto thee I daily cry,
be merciful to me.
- 4 Rejoice thy servant's soul: for, Lord,
I lift my soul to thee.
- 5 For thou art gracious, O Lord,
and ready to forgive;
And rich in mercy, all that call
upon thee, to relieve.
- 6 Hear, Lord, my pray'r: unto the voice
of my request attend.
- 7 In troublous time I'll call on thee:
for thou wilt answer send.
- 8 Lord, there is none among the gods
that may with thee compare,

And

And like the works which thou hast done
not any work is there.

All nations whom thou mad'st, shall come
and worship rev'rently
Before thy face : and they, O Lord,
thy name shall glorify.

Because thou art exceeding great,
and works by thee are done
Which are to be admir'd ; and thou
art God thyself alone.

Teach me thy way, and in thy truth,
O Lord, then walk will I :

Unite my heart, that I thy name
may fear continually.

O Lord my God, with all my heart
to thee I will give praise :

And I the glory will ascribe
unto thy name always.

Because thy mercy toward me
in greatness doth excel ;

And thou deliver'd hast my soul
out from the lowest hell.

O God, the proud against me rise,
and vi'lent men have met,

That for my soul have sought ; and thee
before them have not set.

But thou art full of pity, Lord,
a God most gracious :

Long-suffering, and in thy truth
and mercy plenteous.

16 O turn to me thy countenance,
and mercy on me have :

Thy servant strengthen, and the son
of thine own handmaid save.

17 Shew me a sign for good, that they
which do me hate, may see,
And be ashamed ; because thou, Lord,
didst help and comfort me.

P S A L M LXXXVII.

A psalm or song for the sons of Korah.

When God loosed the captivity of the Jews by Cyrus, few of them did return from Babylon ; the work of reparation of church and state, temple and city, had few to assist it ; their enemies were many, they were straitened with poverty and famine, and the hearts and hands of the godly were weakned, they were like to faint and despair, that either church or state should flourish any more amongst them. For comfort in such a time was this psalm fitted, leading the Lord's people to live by faith, and to work on in the building of the Lord's house, and reparation of the city, looking to God the builder of his church, and maintainer of his people. To which purpose the Psalmist giveth them seven consolations, opposite to so many temptations unto discouragement. The *first* is, That they should look to God who had founded his own temple solidly, and so not faint for the weakness and fewness of the builders, *vers.* 1. The *second*, That they should look to God's love and good-will, and not be troubled for want of external power and riches, *vers.* 2. The *third* is, That they should look to the prophecies concerning the church,

and

not be troubled for what present outward appearance and carnal reason did represent, *vers.* 3. The *fourth* is, That they should not be troubled for the multitude of their foes for the present time, but look to the multitude of their friends and converts which they should have hereafter, *vers.* 4. The *fifth* is, That they should not be troubled with the fear of the ruin of the church, but look to almighty God, who would establish her so, that no power could overturn her, *vers.* 5. The *sixth* is, That they should not be troubled with the present contempt under which they did lie; but look to the glory and estimation which God should put, in his own time, upon the church and her children, *vers.* 6. The *seventh* is, That they should not be troubled with their present grief they were in, but should look to the spiritual joy, and causes thereof which the Lord was to furnish to his people, *vers.* 7.

U P O N the hills of holiness
 he his foundation sets.
 The Lord, more than Jacob's dwellings all,
 his delights in Zion's gates.
 Things glorious are said of thee,
 O thou city of the Lord.
 Hahab and Babel, I, to those
 that know me, will record:
 Behold ev'n Tyrus, and with it
 the land of Palestine,
 and likewise Ethiopia:
 For this man was born therein.
 And it of Zion shall be said,
 This man, and that man there
 was born: and he that is most high
 in himself shall establish her.

- 6 When God the people writes, he'll count
that this man born was there.
- 7 There be that sing, and play : and all
my well-springs in thee are.

P S A L M LXXXVIII.

A song or psalm for the sons of Korah, to the
chief musician upon Mahaleth, Maschil of He-
man the Ezrahite.

This Heman the Ezrahite, was one of those four wisest men in all Israel, next after Solomon, who is preferred above them all, *1 Kings* iv. 31. The exercise of this wise and holy man is set down here under the heaviest condition of a wounded spirit of any that we read of ; wherein, *first*, He prayeth for comfort to his soul, now afflicted under the sense of sad wrath and long desertion, *vers.* 1. 2. In the *second* place, He poureth out his soul to God, and layeth before him a most pitiful lamentation of his distressed condition, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. In the *third* place, He wrestleth by faith in his prayer to God for comfort, *vers.* 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. And, *lastly*, finding no comfort, He reneweth his lamentation, leaveth his prayer before the Lord, and writeth it for the edification of the church in all time coming, as the matter of a joyful song.

- 1 **L**ord God, my Saviour, day' and night
before thee cry'd have I.
- 2 Before thee let my prayer come :
give ear unto my cry.
- 3 For troubles great do fill my soul :
my life draws nigh the grave.

am counted with those that go down
to pit, and no strength have.

They're free among the dead, like them
that slain in grave do lie;
Cut off from thy hand, whom no more
thou hast in memory.

Thou hast me laid in lowest pit,
In deeps and darksome caves.

Thy wrath lies hard on me, thou hast
me press'd with all thy waves.

Thou hast put far from me my friends:
Thou mad'st them to abhor me:
And I am so shut up, that I
find no evasion for me.

My reason of affliction
mine eye mourns dolefully:
O thee, Lord, do I call, and stretch
my hands continually.

Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead?
Shall they rise and thee bless?
Shall in the grave thy love be told?
Shall in death thy faithfulness?
Shall thy great wonders in the dark,
Or shall thy righteousness
be known to any in the land
of deep forgetfulness?

But, Lord, to thee I cry'd, my pray'r
at morn prevent shall thee.

- 14 Why, Lord, dost thou cast off my soul?
and hid'st thy face from me?
- 15 Distress'd am I, and from my youth
I ready am to die:
Thy terrors I have borne, and am
distracted fearfully.
- 16 The dreadful fierceness of thy wrath
quite over me doth go;
Thy terrors great have cut me off,
they did pursue me so.
- 17 For round about me ev'ry day
like water they did roul;
And, gathering together, they
have compassed my soul.
- 18 My friend thou hast put far from me,
and him that did me love;
And those that mine acquaintance were
to darkness didst remove.

P S A L M LXXXIX.

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

This psalm is intitled Maschil, or a psalm written for instruction, of Ethan the Ezrahite, who after Solomon was another of the four wisest men in Israel. This man surviving the glory of Solomon's kingdom, and beholding the diminishing of the glory of David's house, lamenteth the desolation thereof unto God.

The psalm hath three parts. In the *first*, He setteth his faith upon God, and laboureth to strengthen it against the temptation which was boiling in his breast, *vers.* 19. In the

second part, He expoundeth the sum of the covenant of grace, made between God and Christ, typified by David; wherein indeed, albeit David hath his own interest, yet the substance was to be found only in Christ, who came as David according to the flesh, from *vers.* 19. to 38. the *third part* is a lamentation of the apparent dissolving of this covenant with David's posterity, and a prayer for repairing the ruins of that kingdom, for the glory of God; which prayer he assureth himself shall be granted.

God's mercies I will ever sing:
 and with my mouth I shall
 Thy faithfulness make to be known
 to generations all.

For mercy shall be built, said I,
 for ever to endure:

Thy faithfulness ev'n in the heav'ns
 thou wilt establish sure.

with my chosen One have made
 a cov'nant graciously;

And to my servant whom I lov'd,
 to David sworn have I:

That I thy seed establish shall
 for ever to remain;

And will to generations all
 thy throne build and maintain.

The praises of thy wonders, Lord,
 the heavens shall express:

And in the congregation
 of saints, thy faithfulness.

6 For who in heaven with the Lord
may once himself compare ?
Who is like God among the sons
of those that mighty are ?

7 Great fear in meeting of the saints
is due unto the Lord :
And he, of all about him, should
with rev'rence be ador'd.

8 O thou that art the Lord of hosts,
what lord in mightiness
Is like to thee, who compass'd round
art with thy faithfulness ?

9 Ev'n in the raging of the sea
thou over it dost reign :
And when the waves thereof do swell,
thou stillest them again.

10 Rahab in pieces thou didst brek,
like one that slaughter'd is ;
And with thy mighty arm thou hast
dispers'd thine enemies.

11 The heav'ns are thine, thou for thine ow
the earth dost also take :
The world, and fulness of the same,
thy pow'r did found and make.

12 The north and south from thee alone
their first beginning had :
Both Tabor mount and Hermon hill
shall in thy name be glad.

Thou hast an arm that's full of pow'r,
thy hand is great in might :

And thy right hand exceedingly
exalted is in height.

Justice and judgment of thy throne
are made the dwelling-place :

Mercy, accompany'd with truth,
shall go before thy face.

O greatly bless'd the people are
the joyful sound that know :

In brightness of thy face, O Lord,
they ever on shall go.

They in thy name shall all the day
rejoice exceedingly :

And in thy righteousness shall they
exalted be on high.

Because the glory of their strength
doth only stand in thee :

And in thy favour shall our horn
and pow'r exalted be.

For God is our defence, and he
to us doth safety bring :

The holy One of Israel
is our almighty King.

In vision to thy holy One
thou saidst, I help upon

A strong one laid ; out of the folk
I rais'd a chosen one.

- 20 Ev'n David, I have found him out
 a servant unto me ;
 And with my holy oil my king
 anointed him to be.
- 21 With whom my hand shall stablish'd be :
 mine arm shall make him strong.
- 22 On him the foe shall not exact,
 nor son of mischief wrong.
- 23 I will beat down before his face
 all his malicious foes :
 I will them greatly plague, who do
 with hatred him oppose.
- 24 My mercy and my faithfulness
 with him yet still shall be :
 And in my name his horn and pow'r
 men shall exalted see.
- 25 His hand and pow'r shall reach afar,
 I'll set it in the sea ;
 And his right hand established
 shall in the rivers be.
- 26 Thou art my Father, he shall cry,
 thou art my God alone ;
 And he shall say, Thou art the rock
 of my salvation.
- 27 I'll make him my first-born, more high
 than kings of any land.
- 28 My love I'll ever keep for him,
 my cov'nant fast shall stand.

His seed I by my pow'r will make
for ever to endure ;
And, as the days of heav'n, his throne
shall stable be and sure.
But if his children shall forsake
my laws, and go astray,
And in my judgments shall not walk,
but wander from my way ;
If they my laws break, and do not
keep my commandements :
I'll visit then their faults with rods,
their sins with chastisements.
Yet I'll not take my love from him,
nor false my promise make.
My cov'nant I'll not break, nor change
what with my mouth I spake.

Once by my holiness I swear,
to David I'll not lye.
His seed and throne shall as the sun
before me last for ay.
It, like the moon, shall ever be
establish'd stedfastly ;
And like to that which in the heav'n
doth witness faithfully.

But thou, displeas'd, hast cast off,
thou didst abhor and lothe,
With him that thine anointed is
thou hast been very wroth.

- 39 Thou hast thy servant's covenant
made void, and quite cast by ;
Thou hast profan'd his crown, while it
cast on the ground doth lie.
- 40 Thou all his hedges hast broke down,
his strong holds down hast torn.
- 41 He to all passers by a spoil,
to neighbours is a scorn.
- 42 Thou hast set up his foes right hand,
mad'st all his en'mies glad :
- 43 Turn'd his sword's edge, and him to stand
in battle hast not made.
- 44 His glory thou hast made to cease,
his throne to ground down cast ;
- 45 Short'ned his days of youth, and him
with shame thou cover'd hast.
- 46 How long, Lord, wilt thou hide thyself,
for ever in thine ire ?
And shall thine indignation
burn like unto a fire ?
- 47 Remember, Lord, how short a time
I shall on earth remain :
O wherefore is it so, that thou
hast made all men in vain ?
- 48 What man is he that liveth here,
and death shall never see ?
Or from the power of the grave
what man his soul shall free ?

Thy former loving kindnesſes,
 O Lord, where be they now?
 Theſe which in truth and faithfulneſs
 to David ſworn haſt thou?
 Mind, Lord, thy ſervant's ſad reproach;
 how I in boſom bear
 The ſcornings of the people all,
 who ſtrong and mighty are.
 Wherewith thy raging enemies
 reproach'd, O Lord, think on;
 Wherewith they have reproach'd the ſteps
 of thine anointed One.
 All bleſſing to the Lord our God
 let be aſcribed then:
 For evermore ſo let it be.
 Amen, yea, and amen.

P S A L M XC.

A prayer of Moſes the man of God.

This psalm agreeth well with the latter end of Moſes's life,
 when he being now to remove, did preſent this prayer to
 God, and delivered it unto the church, for their comfort
 and direction, how to carry themſelves towards God in
 their ſhort and ſorrowful life.

This psalm may be divided into three parts. In the *firſt*
 the church's fourfold comfort againſt temporal troubles
 and miſeries in this world. The *firſt* is taken from the
 Lord's kindneſs to his people in all ages, *verſ.* 1. The
ſecond is taken from the decree of their election, *verſ.* 2.
 The *third*, from the hope of their reſurrection, *verſ.* 3.

The *fourth*, from the shortness of time unto it, *vers.* 4. In the *second* part, the shortness and misery of life procured by sin, are lamentably set forth before the Lord, who is full of pity, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. In the *last* part are *six* petitions; some whereof are for the right use of the shortness and sorrows of this life, and some of them for a gracious deliverance from them, *vers.* 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17.

- 1 **L**ord, thou hast been our dwelling-place
in generations all.
- 2 Before thou ever hadst brought forth
the mountains great or small,
Ere ever thou hadst form'd the earth,
and all the world abroad,
Ev'n thou from everlasting art
to everlasting God.
- 3 Thou dost unto destruction
man that is mortal turn:
And unto them thou sayst, Again,
ye sons of men, return.
- 4 Because a thousand years appear
no more before thy sight
Than yesterday, when it is past,
or than a watch by night.
- 5 As with an overflowing flood
thou carry'st them away:
They like a sleep are; like the grass
that grows at morn are they.
- 6 At morn it flourishes and grows,
cut down at ev'n doth fade.

For by thine anger we're consum'd,
 Thy wrath makes us afraid.

Our sins thou and iniquities
 Holdst in thy presence place,
 And sett'st our secret faults before
 The brightness of thy face.

For in thine anger all our days
 Do pass on to an end;
 And, as a tale that hath been told,
 So we our years do spend.

Threescore and ten years do sum up
 Our days and years, we see:
 For if, by reason of more strength,
 In some fourscore they be:
 Yet doth the strength of such old men
 But grief and labour prove;
 For it is soon cut off, and we
 Fly hence, and soon remove.

Who knows the power of thy wrath?
 According to thy fear,
 What is thy wrath. Lord, teach thou us
 Our end in mind to bear;
 And so to count our days, that we
 Our hearts may still apply
 To learn thy wisdom and thy truth,
 That we may live thereby.

Turn yet again to us, O Lord,
 And how long thus shall it be?

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Let it repent thee now for those
that servants are to thee.

14 O with thy tender mercies, Lord,
us early satisfy ;

So we rejoyce shall all our days,
and still be glad in thee.

15 According as the days have been
wherein we grief have had,
And years wherein we ill have seen,
so do thou make us glad.

16 O let thy work and pow'r appear
thy servants face before,
And shew unto their children dear
thy glory evermore.

17 And let the beauty of the Lord
our God be us upon :
Our handy-works establish thou,
establish them each one.

P S A L M XCI.

Albeit this psalm hath no inscription, nor the name of the penman who did write it, yet Satan could not deny it to be the Lord's word, for out of this psalm he brought out of his darts against our Saviour, *Matth. iv.* And the promises which are made here to the believer, are so much more strongly ours, as Christ, head of all his people, hath interest therein as a man, and hath taken them to himself in our name.

HE that doth in the secret place
 of the Most High reside,
 under the shade of him that is
 with' Almighty shall abide.

Of the Lord my God will say,
 He is my refuge still,
 He is my fortress, and my God,
 and in him trust I will.

Assuredly he shall thee save,
 and give deliverance
 from subtil fowler's snare, and from
 the noisome pestilence.

As feathers shall thee hide, thy trust
 under his wings shall be :

His faithfulness shall be a shield
 and buckler unto thee.

Thou shalt not need to be afraid
 for terrors of the night :

nor for the arrow that doth fly
 by day, while it is light :

nor for the pestilence, that walks
 in darkness secretly :

nor for destruction, that doth waste
 at noon-day openly.

A thousand at thy side shall fall,

and on thy right hand shall lie

ten thousand dead ; yet unto thee

it shall not once come nigh.

- 8 Only thou with thine eye shalt look,
and a beholder be ;
And thou therein the just reward
of wicked men shalt see.
- 9 Because the Lord, who constantly
my refuge is alone,
Ev'n the Most High is made by thee
thy habitation.
- 10 No plague shall near thy dwelling come,
no ill shall thee befall :
- 11 For thee to keep in all thy ways
his angels charge he shall.
- 12 They in their hands shall bear thee up,
still waiting thee upon ;
Lest thou at any time shouldst dash
thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Upon the adder thou shalt tread,
and on the lion strong :
Thy feet on dragons trample shall,
and on the lions young.
- 14 Because on me he set his love,
I'll save and set him free :
Because my great name he hath known,
I will him set on high.
- 15 He'll call on me, I'll answer him,
I will be with him still,
In trouble to deliver him,
and honour him I will.

With length of days unto his mind
 I will him satisfy ;
 also my salvation
 will cause his eyes to see.

P S A L M XCII.

A psalm or song for the sabbath-day.

This psalm is intitled, *A psalm for the sabbath-day* : wherein the church is stirred up to praise God, by sundry reasons, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. but especially for these *three* causes, *first*, for the great work of creation, sustentation, and wise governing of the creatures, *vers.* 4. 5. The *second* cause is, for his wisdom and justice in punishing the wicked, *vers.* 6. 8. 9. The *third* is, for his grace and goodness toward sinners, *vers.* 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.

TO render thanks unto the Lord
 it is a comely thing,
 and to thy name, O thou Most High,
 due praise aloud to sing.
 Thy loving-kindness to shew forth,
 when shines the morning-light ;
 and to declare thy faithfulness
 with pleasure ev'ry night.

On a ten-stringed instrument,
 upon the psaltery ;
 and on the harp with solemn sound,
 and grave sweet melody.

4 For thou, Lord, by thy mighty work
 hast made my heart right glad :
 And I will triumph in the works
 which by thine hands were made.

5 How great, Lord, are thy works ! ea
 of thine a deep it is. (thoug

6 A brutish man it knoweth not ;
 fools understand not this.

7 When those that lewd and wicked are,
 spring quickly up like grass,
 And workers of iniquity
 do flourish all apace ;

It is that they for ever may
 destroyed be and slain :

8 But thou, O Lord, art the Most High,
 for ever to remain.

9 For lo, thine enemies, O Lord,
 thine en'mies perish shall :

The workers of iniquity
 shall be dispersed all .

10 But thou shalt, like unto the horn
 of th' unicorn, exalt

My horn on high : thou with fresh oil
 anoint me also shalt.

11 Mine eye shall also my desire
 see on mine enemies :

Mine ears shall of the wicked hear,
 that do against me rise.

But like the palm-tree flourishing
 shall be the righteous one;
 He shall like to the cedar grow
 that is in Lebanon.
 Those that within the house of God
 are planted by his grace,
 They shall grow up and flourish all
 in our God's holy place.
 And in old age, when others fade,
 they fruit still forth shall bring:
 They shall be fat, and full of sap,
 and ay be flourishing:
 To shew that upright is the Lord:
 he is a rock to me,
 And he from all unrighteousness
 is altogether free.

P S A L M XCIII.

This psalm, for the comfort of God's people against the
 multitude and power of their enemies, and the greatness
 of kings and potentates in the world, who oft-times are like
 a flood, overflow, devour, and drown the church, the glory of
 the Lord is described, in whom is the church's defence,
 comfort, and victory. For this end, *first*, The praises of
 God for the church's comfort are set down absolutely,
vers. 1. 2. Then the opposition of the enemies of the
 church is compared to the growing flood and raging sea,
vers. 3. And, *thirdly*, the praises of God are set down in
 opposition to their power, *vers. 4. 5.* with the use of this
 doctrine, *vers. 5.*

- 1 **T**HE Lord doth reign, and cloth'd is
 with majesty most bright :
 His works do shew him cloth'd to be,
 and girt about with might.
 The world is also stablished,
 that it cannot depart.
- 2 Thy throne is fix'd of old, and thou
 from everlasting art.
- 3 The floods, O Lord, have lifted up,
 they lifted up their voice ;
 The floods have lifted up their waves,
 and made a mighty noise.
- 4 But yet the Lord, that is on high,
 is more of might by far,
 Than noise of many waters is,
 or great sea-billows are.
- 5 Thy testimonies ev'ry one
 in faithfulness excel ;
 And holiness for ever, Lord,
 thine house becometh well.

P S A L M XCIV.

This psalm is a prayer and a complaint of the church unto
 in the time of her oppression by intestine enemies, in-
 cial by unjust and cruel rulers ; whereunto sundry gro-
 of comfort to the godly in this hard condition are sub-
 ed. The prayer and complaint reach unto *vers.* 8.
 grounds of comfort are *four*. The *first* is, the confi-
 tion of God's wisdom in the permission of this sore tro-

This people, with a check unto the oppressors for their
 meifin, *verf.* 8. 9. 10. 11. The *second* is, the confide-
 ion of the profit which God's people shall have by this
 rife, *verf.* 12. 13. The *third* is, from a promise that
 ed shall change the face of affairs to the joy of the godly,
verf. 14. 15. The *fourth* is, from the experience which
Pfalms had of God's helping of him in this case, set
 own at large to the end of the psalm.

O Lord God, unto whom alone
 all vengeance doth belong :
 mighty God, who vengeance own'st,
 shine forth, avenging wrong.
 Lift up thyself, thou of the earth
 the sov'reign judge that art :
 and unto those that are so proud
 a due reward impart.

How long, O mighty God, shall they
 who lewd and wicked be,
 how long shall they who wicked are,
 thus triumph haughtily ?
 how long shall things most hard by them
 be uttered and told ?
 and all that work iniquity
 to boast themselves be bold ?

Why folk they break in pieces, Lord,
 thine heritage oppress.
 The widow they, and strangers slay,
 and kill the fatherless.
 Let say they, God it shall not see,
 nor God of Jacob know.

- 8 Ye brutish people, understand;
fools, when wise will ye grow?
- 9 The Lord did plant the ear of man,
and hear then shall not he?
He only form'd the eye, and then
shall he not clearly see?
- 10 He that the nations doth correct,
shall he not chastise you?
He knowledge unto man doth teach
and shall himself not know?
- 11 Man's thoughts to be but vanity,
the Lord doth well discern.
- 12 Bless'd is the man thou' chaste'nest, Lord,
and mak'st thy law to learn.
- 13 That thou mayst give him rest from days
of sad adversity,
Until the pit be digg'd for those
that work iniquity.
- 14 For sure the Lord will not cast off
those that his people be,
Neither his own inheritance
quit and forsake will he.
- 15 But judgment unto righteousness
shall yet return again;
And all shall follow after it,
that are right hearted men.
- 16 Who will rise up for me, against
those that do wickedly?

Who will stand up for me, 'gainst those
that work iniquity?

Unless the Lord had been my help,
when I was sore oppress'd,

Almost my soul had in the house
of silence been at rest.

When I had uttered this word,
(My foot doth slip away)

Thy mercy held me up, O Lord,
thy goodness did me stay.

Amidst the multitude of thoughts
which in my heart do fight,

My soul, lest it be overcharg'd,
thy comforts do delight.

Shall of iniquity the throne
have fellowship with thee,

Which mischief, cunningly contriv'd,
doth by a law decree?

Against the righteous souls they join,
they guiltless blood condemn.

But of my refuge God's the rock,
and my defence from them.

On them their own iniquity
the Lord shall bring and lay,

And cut them off in their own sin;
our Lord God shall them slay.

P S A L M XCV.

This psalm is applied to Christ by the Apostle, *Heb. iii.* 8. 9. 10. 11. Whereof there are *two* parts. In the *first* is an exhortation to worship God in Christ, or Christ God with the Father and Holy Spirit dwelling among them in the temple, and representing unto them his future incarnation, and the execution of his offices in types and figures. The arguments of praising and worshipping of him are *five*. The *first*, because he is the rock of our salvation, *vers.* 1. 2. The *second*, because of his greatness, *vers.* 3. The *third*, for his power, *vers.* 4. The *fourth*, because he created all things, and us his people, *vers.* 5. 6. The latter part of the psalm is another exhortation unto the visible church, to evidence their obedience of faith, and not to harden their heart in the time of God's dealing with them by his word, as their fathers did, who perished in the wilderness for their provocation, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. 11.

- 1 **O** Come, let us sing to the Lord :
 come, let us ev'ry one
 A joyful noise make to the rock
 of our salvation.
- 2 Let us before his presence come
 with praise and thankful voice ;
 Let us sing psalms to him with grace,
 and make a joyful noise.
- 3 For God a great God, and great King
 above all-gods he is.
- 4 Depths of the earth are in his hand,
 the strength of hills is his.
- 5 To him the spacious sea belongs,
 for he the same did make :

The dry land also from his hands
its form at first did take.

60 Come, and let us worship him,
let us bow down withal,
and on our knees before the Lord,
our maker, let us fall.

70 For he's our God, the people we
of his own pasture are,
and of his hand the sheep; to-day
if ye his voice will hear,

80 Then harden not your hearts, as in
the provocation,
as in the desert, on the day
of the tentation :

90 When me your fathers tempt'd, and prov'd,
and did my working see :
y^e'n for the space of forty years
this race hath grieved me :

100 I said, This people errs in heart,
my ways they do not know.

110 O whom I swear in wrath, that to
my rest they should not go.

P S A L M XCVI.

120 See 1 Chron. xvi. 23. a part of this psalm, sung at the
raising up of the ark to *Sion*, to be in substance, and al-
most in words also, one and the same with this which is
here: for as there, so here the Prophet foreseeth in the
spirit

Spirit the spreading of the kingdom of Christ among the nations; and therefore, *first*, he exhorteth all people heartily to receive Christ, and propagate his glory, *vers.* 2. 3. and giveth reasons for it, *vers.* 4. 5. 6. Then repeateth and enlargeth the exhortation to glorify God and to rejoice in him, because Christ was indeed to come among the *Gentiles*, to reign among them righteously, *vers.* 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13.

- 1 **O** Sing a new song to the Lord,
sing all the earth to God.
- 2 To God sing, bless his name; shew still
his saving health abroad.
- 3 Among the heathen nations
his glory do declare;
And unto all the people show
his works that wondrous are.
- 4 For great's the Lord, and greatly he
is to be magnify'd:
Yea, worthy to be fear'd is he
above all gods beside.
- 5 For all the gods are idols dumb
which blinded nations fear;
But our God is the Lord, by whom
the heav'ns created were.
- 6 Great honour is before his face,
and majesty divine:
Strength is within his holy place,
and there doth beauty shine.
- 7 Do you ascribe unto the Lord,
of people ev'ry tribe,

Glory do you unto the Lord,
and mighty pow'r ascribe.

Give ye the glory to the Lord
that to his name is due :

Come ye into his courts, and bring
an offering with you.

In beauty of his holiness

O do the Lord adore :

Likewise let all the earth throughout
tremble his face before.

Among the heathen say, God reigns :
the world shall stedfastly

Be fix'd from moving, he shall judge
the people righteously.

Let heav'ns be glad before the Lord,
and let the earth rejoice :

Let seas, and all that is therein,
cry out, and make a noise.

Let fields rejoice, and ev'ry thing
that springeth of the earth :

Then woods, and ev'ry tree shall sing
with gladness and with mirth

Before the Lord ; because he comes,
to judge the earth comes he :

He'll judge the world with righteousness,
the people faithfully.

P S A L M XCVII.

This psalm containeth a prophecy of the spiritual glory
 Christ's kingdom, to *vers.* 8. and the use of the doctrine
 to the end of the psalm. The comfort of Christ's king-
 dom in relation to his church is set down, *vers.* 1. 2. and
 the terribleness thereof in relation to his enemies, *vers.*
 3. 4. 5. 6. with a curse upon image-worshippers, *vers.*
 7. The uses of the doctrine, they are *four*. The *first* is, that
 all excellency, and whatsoever is honourable in the world
 should shew homage to him, set down in the end of *vers.*
 8. The *second* is, that the true church should be glad at the
 hearing and the seeing of the execution of God's judg-
 ments upon idolaters, with a reason for it, *vers.* 8. 9. The
third use is, a direction to the saints to beware of sin, with
 some reasons for it, *vers.* 10. 11. The *fourth* use is, that
 the righteous should rejoice, and thank God, upon all occa-
 sions, *vers.* 12.

- 1 **G**OD reigneth, let the earth be glad,
 and isles rejoice each one.
- 2 Dark clouds him compass, and in right
 with judgment dwells his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him, and his foes
 it burns up round about.
- 4 His lightnings lighten did the world ;
 earth saw, and shook throughout.
- 5 Hills, at the presence of the Lord,
 like wax did melt away :
 Ev'n at the presence of the Lord
 of all the earth, I say.
- 6 The heav'ns declare his righteousness,
 all men his glory see.

All who serve graven images,
confounded let them be :

Who do of idols boast themselves,
let shame upon them fall :

Ye that are called gods, see that
ye do him worship all.

Sion did hear, and joyful was,
glad Judah's daughters were,

They much rejoic'd, O Lord, because
thy judgments did appear.

For thou, O Lord, art high above
all things on earth that are :

Above all other gods thou art
exalted very far.

Hate ill, all ye that love the Lord :
his saints souls keepeth he,

And from the hands of wicked men
he sets them safe and free.

For all those that be righteous
sown is a joyful light,

And gladness sown is for all those
that are in heart upright.

Ye righteous, in the Lord rejoice ;
express your thankfulness,

When ye into your memory
do call his holiness.

P S A L M XCVIII.

A psalm.

This psalm is an exhortation to *Jew and Gentile*, to *rejoice* and bless the Lord, for Christ's coming, to set up his kingdom in the world. The exhortation is *thrice* pressed *first*, in proper terms, requiring the church to sing joy, with reasons adjoined, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. *Then* it is repeated, and musical instruments called for, to shew that by human voice the matter of the joy which is in Jesus Christ is inexpressible, *vers.* 4. 5. 6. *Thirdly*, To shew that neither voice of man, nor musical instruments, sufficient to express the joy which cometh by Christ's kingdom; the whole creatures are called unto this work of rejoicing, and setting forth his glory, *vers.* 7. 8.; and a reason is given, because Christ cometh to set up, and exercise his kingdom in righteousness, *vers.* 9.

- 1 **O** Sing a new song to the Lord,
for wonders he hath done:
His right hand and his holy arm
him victory hath won.
- 2 The Lord God his salvation
hath caused to be known:
His justice in the heathens sight
he openly hath shown.
- 3 He mindful of his grace and truth
to Isr'el's house hath been:
And the salvation of our God
all ends of th' earth have seen.
- 4 Let all the earth unto the Lord
send forth a joyful noise:

lift up your voice aloud to him,
sing praises, and rejoice.

With harp, with harp, and voice of psalms,
unto JEHOVAH sing.

With trumpets, cornets, gladly sound
before the Lord, the King.

Let seas, and all their fulness rore;
the world, and dwellers there.

Let floods clap hands; and let the hills
together joy declare

before the Lord; because he comes;
to judge the earth comes he:

He'll judge the world with righteousness,
his folk with equity.

P S A L M XCIX.

The comfort of the church against a multitude of enemies round about her, there is in this psalm a declaration of the kingdom of Christ reigning as God, one with the Father and Holy Spirit, in the church of *Israel*, before his incarnation, with a fourfold exhortation to all who shall hear tell of him. The *first* exhortation is, to stand in awe of him, because of his great majesty manifested in *him*, *vers.* 1. 2. Another exhortation is, to praise him for his greatness, terribleness, holiness, and righteousness, *vers.* 3. 4. A *third* exhortation is, to glorify and worship him for sundry reasons, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8. For which repeateth the exhortation the *fourth* time, *vers.* 9.

TH' eternal Lord doth reign as King,
let all the people quake:

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He

- He sits between the cherubims,
let th' earth be mov'd and shake.
- 2 The Lord in Zion great, and high
above all people is.
- 3 Thy great and dreadful name (for it
is holy) let them bless.
- 4 The King's strength also judgment loves ;
thou settlest equity,
Just judgment thou dost execute
in Jacob righteously.
- 5 The Lord our God exalt on high,
and rev'rently do ye
Before his footstool worship him :
the holy One is he.
- 6 Moses and Aaron 'mongst his priests,
Samuel with them that call
Upon his name : these call'd on God,
and he them answer'd all.
- 7 Within the pillar of the cloud
he unto them did speak :
The testimonies he them taught,
and laws they did not break.
- 8 Thou answer'dst them, O Lord our God :
thou wast a God that gave
Pardon to them, though on their deeds
thou wouldest vengeance have.
- 9 Do ye exalt the Lord our God,
and at his holy hill

to ye him worship : for the Lord
our God is holy still.

P S A L M C.

' A psalm of praise.

The title of the psalm sheweth the sum and scope thereof to be
the stirring up of the whole church to praise God cheer-
fully ; unto which duty all are exhorted once, *vers.* 1. 2.
For *three* reasons. *First*, Because he is God. *Secondly*, Be-
cause we are his creatures. *Thirdly*, Because we are his
covenanted people, or members of the visible church ;
whereof he taketh care, as a pastor doth of his own flock,
vers. 3. And again, all are exhorted to thank, praise,
and bless him, *vers.* 4. ; and that for his goodness, mercy,
and truth, *vers.* 5.

O All ye lands, unto the Lord
make ye a joyful noise.
Serve God with gladness ; him before
come with a singing voice.
Shew ye the Lord, that he is God,
not we, but he, us made ;
We are his people, and the sheep
within his pasture fed.

Enter his gates and courts with praise,
to thank him go ye thither :
To him express your thankfulness,
and bless his name together.
Because the Lord our God is good,
his mercy faileth never :

And to all generations
his truth endureth ever.

P S A L M C I.

A psalm of David.

David not being as yet entered into possession of his kingdom, by direction of the Holy Spirit, fall upon a consideration of the duties of a righteous prince, which he setteth down as a rule, to be followed by himself and all magistrates, obliging himself to endeavour to conform to government thereto; wherein he is but a type and shadow of Christ, in whom alone the perfect performance of the duties here promised is to be found. The principal duties which David undertaketh to discharge, may be, for order's sake, reduced to the number of *eight*, according to the number of the *verses*.

- 1 **I** Mercy will and judgment sing;
Lord, I will sing to thee.
- 2 With wisdom, in a perfect way,
shall my behaviour be:
O when in kindness unto me,
wilt thou be pleas'd to come?
I with a perfect heart will walk
within my house at home.
- 3 I will endure no wicked thing
before mine eyes to be:
I hate their work that turn aside,
it shall not cleave to me.
- 4 A stubborn and a froward heart
depart quite from me shall:

person giv'n to wickedness
I will not know at all.

I cut him off that slandereth
his neighbour privily :
the haughty heart I will not bear,
nor him that looketh high.
Upon the faithful of the land
mine eyes shall be, that they
may dwell with me : he shall me serve
that walks in perfect way.

Who of deceit a worker is,
in my house shall not dwell :
and in my presence shall he not
remain, that lyes doth tell.
Yea, all the wicked of the land
early destroy will I ;
all from God's city to cut off,
that work iniquity.

P S A L M CII.

Prayer of the afflicted, when he is over-
whelmed, and poureth out his complaint be-
fore the Lord:

This psalm agreeth well with the time of the Babylonish cap-
tivity of the Jews, about the end whereof the seventy years
standing now nigh expired, the weight of the misery of God's
people, and the mockery of the Heathen, and the people's
longing for deliverance, did so afflict the prophet, that, in con-

passion towards the scattered church, he poureth out this prayer, and communicateth it, at the Lord's direction, to all other feeling members of the body, to be made use of for the waking up of their affections, and strengthening of their hope of delivery. The parts of it are *three*. In the *first*, he craveth audience to his prayer because of his sad condition, wherein he sympathiseth with the church in affliction, to *vers.* 12. In the *second*, he encourageth himself in the hope of being heard in behalf of the church, to *vers.* 23. In the *third*, he layeth forth the occasion of all this grief, which was the fear he had of the cutting off of the church of the Jews, before the coming of the Messiah, and sheweth how he strengthened his faith in prayer against this temptation, to the end of the psalm.

- 1 **O** Lord, unto my pray'r give ear,
my cry let come to thee.
- 2 And in the day of my distress,
hide not thy face from me ;
Give ear to me : what time I call,
to answer me make haste.
- 3 For as an hearth my bones are burnt :
my days like smoke do waste.
- 4 My heart within me smitten is,
and it is withered
Like very grass : so that I do
forget to eat my bread.
- 5 By reason of my groning voice,
my bones cleave to my skin.
- 6 Like pelican in wilderness
forsaken I have been :
- 7 I like an owl in desert am,
that nightly there doth moan.

watch, and like a sparrow am
on the house-top alone.
My bitter en'mies all the day
reproaches cast on me :
and being mad at me, with rage
against me sworn they be.

For why, I ashes eaten have,
like bread, in sorrow deep :
My drink I also mingled have
with tears that I did weep.
Why wrath and indignation
did cause this grief and pain :
For thou hast lift me up on high,
and cast me down again.

My days are like unto a shade,
which doth declining pass :
and I am dry'd and withered,
ev'n like unto the grass.
But thou, Lord, everlasting art,
and thy remembrance shall
continually endure, and be
unto generations all.

Thou shalt arise, and mercy have
upon thy Zion yet :
The time to favour her is come,
the time that thou hast set.
For in her rubbish and her stones
thy servants pleasure take ;

Yea,

Yea, they the very dust thereof
do favour for her sake.

15 So shall the heathen people fear
the Lord's most holy name ;
And all the kings on earth shall dread
thy glory and thy fame.

16 When Zion by the mighty Lord
built up again shall be,
In glory then, and majesty,
to men appear shall he.

17 The prayer of the destitute
he surely will regard,
Their prayer will he not despise,
by him it shall be heard.

18 For generations yet to come
this shall be on record :
So shall the people that shall be
created, praise the Lord.

19 He from his sanctuary's height
hath downward cast his eye :
And from his glorious throne in heav'n
the Lord the earth did spy :

20 That of the mournful prisoner
the groanings he might hear,
To set them free that unto death
by men appointed are :

21 That they in Sion may declare
the Lord's most holy name,

And publish in Jerusalem
the praises of the same.
When as the people gather shall
in troops with one accord,
When kingdoms shall assembled be
to serve the highest Lord.
My wonted strength and force he hath
abated in the way ;
And he my days hath shortened :
Thus therefore did I say,
My God, in mid-time of my days
take thou me not away :
From age to age eternally
thy years endure and stay.
The firm foundation of the earth
of old time thou hast laid :
The heavens also are the work
which thine own hands have made.
Thou shalt for evermore endure :
but they shall perish all ;
Yea, ev'ry one of them wax old,
like to a garment, shall :
Thou as a vesture shalt them change,
and they shall changed be.
But thou the same art, and thy years
are to eternity.
The children of thy servants shall
continually endure,

And

And in thy sight, O Lord, their seed
shall be establish'd sure.

P S A L M CIII.

A psalm of David.

This is a psalm of praise and thanksgiving to God for grace to his people; wherein the believer stirreth up himself, and by his own example others also, to praise God *vers. 1. 2.*; and that for *seventeen* reasons or arguments of praise; some of them taken from mercies shown himself, some from mercies to all believers, and some taken from his sovereign dominion over all, unto *vers. 2.* And in the last *three verses*, there is an exhortation all the creatures to join in God's praises with the prophet.

- 1 **O** Thou my soul, blest God the Lord,
and all that in me is
Be stirred up, his holy name
to magnify and blest.
- 2 Blest, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
and not forgetful be
Of all his gracious benefits
he hath bestow'd on thee.
- 3 All thine iniquities who doth
most graciously forgive:
Who thy diseases all and pains
doth heal, and thee relieve.
- 4 Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
to death mayst not go down:

Who thee with loving-kindness doth
and tender mercies crown.

Who with abundance of good things
doth satisfy thy mouth :
So that, ev'n as the eagle's age,
renewed is thy youth.

God righteous judgment executes
for all oppressed ones.

His way to Moses, he his acts
made known to Isr'el's sons.

The Lord our God is merciful,
and he is gracious,
long-suffering, and slow to wrath,
in mercy plenteous.

He will not chide continually,
nor keep his anger still.

With us he dealt not as we sinn'd,
nor did requite our ill.

For as the heaven in its height
the earth surmounteth far ;
So great to those that do him fear,
his tender mercies are.

As far as east is distant from
the west, so far hath he
from us removed, in his love,
all our iniquity.

Such pity as a father hath
unto his children dear ;

Like

Like pity shews the Lord to such
as worship him in fear.

14 For he remembers we are dust,
and he our frame well knows.

15 Frail man, his days are like the grass,
as flow'r in field he grows.

16 For over it the wind doth pass,
and it away is gone ;
And of the place where once it was,
it shall no more be known.

17 But unto them that do him fear,
God's mercy never ends :
And to their childrens children still
his righteousness extends :

18 To such as keep his covenant,
and mindful are, alway
Of his most just commandements,
that they may them obey.

19 The Lord prepared hath his throne
in heavens firm to stand :
And ev'ry thing that being hath
his kingdom doth command.

20 O ye his angels that excel
in strength, bless ye the Lord,
Ye who obey what he commands,
and hearken to his word.

21 O bless and magnify the Lord,
ye glorious hosts of his,

Ye ministers, that do fulfil
whate'er his pleasure is.

O bless the Lord, all ye his works,
wherewith the world is stor'd
in his dominions ev'ry where:
my soul, bless thou the Lord.

P S A L M CIV.

In the former psalm, the prophet stirreth up himself, and others, to glorify God, especially for the works of grace; here he stirreth up himself, and others, to glorify God, especially for the works of creation and providence. And, in the *first* place, he sheweth the scope of all the psalm, *vers.* 1. In the *second* place, he bringeth arguments for pressing the duty of praising God, from the *first* day's work of creation, to wit, the light; and from the *second* day's work, in spreading forth the heavens, *vers.* 2. 3. 4.; and from the *third* day's work, of bringing forth the earth, the floods, and plants, for the use of man and beast, which were the work of the *fourth* day, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18.; and from the work of the *fifth* day, sun and moon, *vers.* 19. 20. 21. 22. 23.; and from the works of the *sixth* day, fishes greater and smaller, *vers.* 25. 26. In the *third* place, he bringeth arguments of God's praise, from the preservation, especially of living creatures, *vers.* 27. 28. 29. 30. In the *fourth* place, is the conclusion of the psalm, with some other reasons for praising of God, *vers.* 31. 32. 33. 34.

O Bless God, my soul: O Lord my God,
thou art exceeding great,
with honour and with majesty
thou clothed art in state.

- 2 With light, as with a robe, thyself
thou coverest about ;
And, like unto a curtain, thou
the heavens stretchest out.
- 3 Who of his chambers doth the beams
within the waters lay ;
Who doth the clouds his chariot make,
on wings of wind make way.
- 4 Who flaming fire his ministers,
his angels sp'rits doth make.
- 5 Who earth's foundations did lay,
that it should never shake.
- 6 Thou didst it cover with the deep,
as with a garment spread :
The waters stood above the hills,
when thou the word but said.
- 7 But at the voice of thy rebuke
they fled, and would not stay :
They at thy thunder's dreadful voice
did haste them fast away.
- 8 They by the mountains do ascend,
and by the valley ground
Descend, unto that very place
which thou for them didst found.
- 9 Thou hast a bound unto them set,
that they may not pass over,
That they do not return again
the face of earth to cover.

He to the valleys sends the springs,
which run among the hills :

They to all beasts of field give drink,
wild asses drink their fills.

By them the fowls of heav'n shall have
their habitation,

Which do among the branches sing
with delectation.

He from his chambers watereth
the hills, when they are dry'd :

With fruit and increase of thy works
the earth is satisfy'd.

For cattle he makes grass to grow,
he makes the herb to spring

For th' use of man, that food to him
he from the earth may bring :

And wine, that to the heart of man
doth chearfulness impart,

Oil that his face makes shine, and bread
that strengtheneth his heart.

The trees of God are full of sap,
the cedars that do stand

In Lebanon, which planted were
by his almighty hand.

Birds of the air, upon their boughs,
do chuse their nests to make :

As for the stork, the fir-trees she
doth for her dwelling take.

- 18 The lofty mountains for wild goats
a place of refuge be:
The conies also to the rocks
do for their safety flee.
- 19 He sets the moon in heav'n, thereby
the seasons to discern:
From him the sun his certain time
of going down doth learn.
- 20 Thou darkness mak'st, 'tis night; the
of forests creep abroad. (beast)
- 21 The lions young rore for their prey,
and seek their meat from God.
- 22 The sun doth rise, and home they flock,
down in their dens they lie.
- 23 Man goes to work, his labour he
doth to the ev'ning ply.
- 24 How manifold, Lord, are thy works!
in wisdom wonderful
Thou ev'ry one of them hast made;
earth's of thy riches full.
- 25 So is this great and spacious sea,
wherewith things creeping are,
Which numbred cannot be; and beasts
both great and small are there.
- 26 There ships go; there thou mak'st to play
that leviathan great.
- 27 These all wait on thee, that thou may'st
in due time give them meat.

1 That which thou givest unto them,
they gather for their food ;

2 Thine hand thou op'nest lib'rally,
they filled are with good.

3 Thou hid'st thy face, they troubled are,
their breath thou tak'st away ;

4 Then do they die, and to their dust
return again do they.

5 Thy quick'ning sp'rit thou sendest forth,
then they created be :

6 And then the earth's decayed face
renewed is by thee.

7 The glory of the mighty Lord
continue shall for ever :

8 The Lord JEHOVAH shall rejoice
in all his works together.

9 Earth, as affrighted, trembleth all,
if he on it but look ;

10 And if the mountains he but touch,
they presently do smoke.

11 I will sing to the Lord most high,
so long as I shall live ;

12 And while I being have, I shall
to my God praises give.

13 Of him my meditation shall
sweet thoughts to me afford ;

14 And as for me, I will rejoice
in God, my only Lord.

- 35 From earth let sinners be consum'd,
 let ill men no more be :
 O thou my soul, bless thou the Lord.
 Praise to the Lord give ye.

P S A L M CV.

The first part of this psalm was sung at the carrying up of the ark of God to the city of David, 1 *Chron.* xvi. 8. The whole psalm containeth an exhortation to the church of *Israel* to praise God for his mercies shewn towards them with reasons serving to press the duty. The exhortation is set down, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. The reasons are more particularly expressed in the rest of the psalm. The first rank whereof is taken from the Lord's covenanting with *Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob*, and the care which the Lord had of their persons, *vers.* 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. The second rank is taken from the care the Lord had of the posterity, when he sent them down to *Egypt*, and was there while they were there, *vers.* 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. The third rank is taken from the manner of their delivery out of *Egypt*, when they were oppressed, and from the plaguing of the *Egyptians* for their sake, *vers.* 26. 27. 28. to 37. The fourth rank is taken from the Lord's care in leading them through the wilderness, from *vers.* 37. to 43. And the last rank of reasons is taken from the Lord's placing of them in *Canaan*, where they might serve God according to his law, *vers.* 44. 45.

- 1 **G**ive thanks to God ; call on his name
 to men his deeds make known.
 2 Sing ye to him, sing psalms ; proclaim
 his wondrous works each one.
 3 See that ye in his holy name
 to glory do accord :

and let the heart of ev'ry one
rejoice, that seeks the Lord.

The Lord almighty, and his strength,
with stedfast hearts seek ye :
His blessed and his gracious face
seek ye continually.

Think on the works that he hath done,
which admiration breed ;
His wonders, and the judgments all
which from his mouth proceed.

O ye that are of Abrah'm's race,
his servant well approv'd ;
And ye that Jacob's children are,
whom he chus'd for his own.
Because he, and he only, is
the mighty Lord our God ;
And his most righteous judgments are
in all the earth abroad.

His cov'nant he rememb'rd hath,
that it may ever stand :

To thousand generations
the word he did command.

Which covenant he firmly made
with faithful Abraham,
And unto Isaac, by his oath,
he did renew the same.

And unto Jacob, for a law,
he made it firm and sure,

A covenant to Israel,
which ever should endure.

11 He said, I'll give Canaan's land
for heritage to you :

12 While they were strangers there, and few
in number very few.

13 While yet they went from land to land
without a sure abode ;
And while, through sundry kingdoms, they
did wander far abroad.

14 Yet notwithstanding suffer'd he
no man to do them wrong :
Yea, for their sakes, he did reprove
kings, who were great and strong.

15 Thus did he say, Touch ye not those
that mine anointed be,
Nor do the prophets any harm
that do pertain to me.

16 He call'd for famine on the land,
he brake the staff of bread.

17 But yet he sent a man before,
by whom they should be fed :

Ev'n Joseph, whom unnat'rally
sell for a slave did they.

18 Whose feet with fetters they did hurt,
and he in irons lay ;

19 Until the time that his word came
to give him liberty :

The word and purpose of the Lord
did him in prison try.

Then sent the king, and did command
that he enlarg'd should be :

He that the people's ruler was,
did lend to set him free.

A lord, to rule his family,
he rais'd him, as most fit ;

To him of all that he possels'd
he did the charge commit :

That he might at his pleasure bind
the princeꝝ of the land ;

And he might teach his senators
wisdom to understand.

The people then of Israel
down into Egypt came :

And Jacob also sojourned
within the land of Ham.

And he did greatly by his pow'r
increase his people there ;

And stronger than their enemies
they by his blessing were.

Their heart he turned to envy
his folk maliciously,

With those that his own servants were
to deal in subtilty.

His servant Moses he did send,
Aaron his chosen one.

- 27 By these his signs and wonders great
in Ham's land were made known.
- 28 Darkness he sent, and made it dark :
his word they did obey.
- 29 He turn'd their waters into blood,
and he their fish did slay.
- 30 The land in plenty brought forth frogs
in chambers of their kings.
- 31 His word all sorts of flies and lice
in all their borders brings.
- 32 He hail for rain, and flaming fire
into their land he sent :
- 33 And he their vines and fig-trees smote,
trees of their coasts he rent.
- 34 He spake, and caterpillars came,
locusts did much abound ;
- 35 Which in their land all herbs consum'd,
and all fruits of their ground.
- 36 He smote all first-born in their land,
chief of their strength each one.
- 37 With gold and silver brought them forth,
weak in their tribes were none.
- 38 Egypt was glad when forth they went,
their fear on them did light.
- 39 He spread a cloud for covering,
a fire to shine by night.
- 40 They ask'd, and he brought quails : with bread
of heav'n he filled them.

He op'ned rocks, floods gush'd and ran
in deserts like a stream.

For on his holy promise he,
and servant Abrah'm, thought,
With joy his people, his elect
with gladness forth he brought.

And unto them the pleasant lands
he of the heathen gave :
That of the people's labour they
inheritance might have.

That they his statutes might observe
according to his word :
And that they might his laws obey.
Give praise unto the Lord.

P S A L M C VI.

The sum of this psalm is, to teach the godly in the time of calamity, lying upon the church, or upon themselves, *first*, to glorify God by faith in him; *secondly*, to reckon up for their encouragement, the frequent forgiveness of grievous sins to his people in former times; and, *thirdly*, to pray for the like favour to themselves, and in hope to have their prayer granted, to give thanks to God. There are *three* parts of the psalm answerable hereunto. The *first* part is the prophet's strengthening of his own faith, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. The *second* part is the confession of our sins in general, *vers.* 6. ; and in special of *eight* or *nine* gross provocations which the Lord after correction did pardon, and gave comfort to his people, to *vers.* 46. ; which are so many arguments of hope, to find the like mercy to the church in this time. The *first* sin, with the forgiveness of it, is set down from *vers.* 7. to

to *vers.* 13. The *second* sin, *vers.* 13. 14. 15. The *third* sin, *vers.* 16. 17. 18. The *fourth* sin, *vers.* 19. 20. 22. 23. The *fifth* sin, *vers.* 24. 25. 26. 27. The *sixth* sin, *vers.* 28. 29. 30. 31. The *seventh* sin, *vers.* 32. 33. The *eighth* sin, from *vers.* 34. to *vers.* 43. The *ninth* part of the psalm is of a general heap of sins, oft-times repeated, and all pardoned, with pity manifested to God's people, *vers.* 43. 44. 45. 46. The *third* part of the psalm, is a prayer for new experience of like mercy, and a close of the psalm with praise and thanksgiving, *vers.* 47. 48.

- 1 **G**ive praise and thanks unto the Lord
for bountiful is he,
His tender mercy doth endure
unto eternity.
- 2 God's mighty works who can express?
or shew forth all his praise?
- 3 Blessed are they that judgment keep,
and justly do always.
- 4 Remember me, Lord, with that love,
which thou to thine dost bear;
With thy salvation, O my God,
to visit me draw near:
- 5 That I thy cholens good may see,
and in their joy rejoice:
And may with thine inheritance
triumph with chearful voice.
- 6 We with our fathers sinned have,
and of iniquity
Too long we have the workers been,
we have done wickedly.

The wonders great which thou, O Lord,
didst work in Egypt land,
Our fathers, though they saw, yet them
they did not understand :

And they thy mercies multitude
kept not in memory,

But at the sea, ev'n the Red sea,
provok'd him grievously.

Nevertheless he saved them,
ev'n for his own name's sake :

That so he might to be well known
his mighty power make.

When he the Red sea did rebuke,
then dried up it was :

Through deeps, as through the wilderness,
he safely made them pass.

From hands of those that hated them
he did his people save :

And from the en'mies cruel hand
to them redemption gave.

The waters overwhelm'd their foes ;
not one was left alive.

Then they believ'd his word, and praise
to him in songs did give.

But soon did they his mighty works
forget unthankfully,

And on his counsel and his will
did not wait patiently :

- 14 But much did lust in wilderness,
and God in desert tempt.
- 15 He gave them what they sought, but to
their soul he leanness sent.
- 16 And against Moses, in the camp,
their envy did appear ;
At Aaron they, the saint of God,
envious also were.
- 17 Therefore the earth did open wide,
and Dathan did devour,
And all Abiram's company
did cover in that hour.
- 18 Likewise among their company
a fire was kindled then ;
And so the hot consuming flame
burnt up those wicked men.
- 19 Upon the hill of Horeb they
an idol-calf did frame,
A molten image they did make,
and worshipped the same.
- 20 And thus their glory, and their God,
most vainly changed they
Into the likenesses of an ox
that eateth grass or hay.
- 21 They did forget the mighty God
that had their saviour been,
By whom such great things brought to
they had in Egypt seen.

In Ham's land he did wondrous works,
things terrible did he,
When he his mighty hand and arm
stretch'd out at the Red sea.

Then said he, He would them destroy,
had not, his wrath to stay,
his chosen Moses stood in breach,
that them he should not slay.
Yea, they despis'd the pleasant land,
believed not his word:
but in their tents they murmured,
not heark'ning to the Lord.

Therefore in desert, them to slay,
he lifted up his hand:
Long nations to o'erthrow their seed,
and scatter in each land.
They unto Baal-peor did
themselves associate;
the sacrifices of the dead
they did profanely eat.

Thus, by their lewd inventions,
they did provoke his ire;
and then upon them suddenly
the plague brake in as fire.
Then Phineas rose, and justice did;
and so the plague did cease:
that to all ages counted was
to him for righteousness.

- 32 And at the waters where they strove,
they did him angry make,
In such sort, that it fared ill
with Moses for their sake :
- 33 Because they there his spirit meek
provoked bitterly,
So that he utter'd with his lips
words unadvisedly.
- 34 Nor, as the Lord commanded them,
did they the nations slay :
- 35 But with the heathen mingled were,
and learn'd of them their way.
- 36 And they their idols serv'd, which did
a snare vnto them turn.
- 37 Their sons and daughters they to dev'ls
in sacrifice did burn.
- 38 In their own childrens guiltless blood
their hands they did imbrew,
Whom to Canaan's idols they
for sacrifices slew :
- So was the land defil'd with blood.
- 39 They stain'd with their own way,
And with their own inventions
a-whoring they did stray.
- 40 Against his people kindled was
the wrath of God therefore,
Insomuch that he did his own
inheritance abhor.

He gave them to the heathens hand ;
 their foes did them command.
 Their en'mies them oppress'd, they were
 made subject to their hand.

He many times deliver'd them ;
 but with their counsel so
 They him provok'd, that for their sin
 they were brought very low.
 Yet their affliction he beheld,
 when he did hear their cry :
 And he for them his covenant
 did call to memory :

After his mercies multitude
 he did repent : And made
 Them to be pity'd of all those
 who did them captive lead.
 O Lord our God, us save, and gather
 the heathen from among,
 That we thy holy name may praise
 in a triumphant song.

Bless'd be JEHOVAH, Isr'el's God,
 to all eternity :
 Let all the people say, Amen.
 Praise to the Lord give ye.

P S A L M CVII.

This is a psalm of praise for God's gracious and wise dispensations towards men. In the former part whereof the

Pſalmiſt reckoneth *four* exerciſes of God's people, God's juſtice bringing them to ſtraits, and by his mercy delivering them again. The *firſt* exerciſe is, by baniſhment, and by the Lord's bringing them back from it, *verſ.* 10. The *ſecond* is, by captivity and imprisonment, and delivery out of it, to *verſ.* 17. The *third* is, by daily ſickneſs, and recovery from it, to *verſ.* 23. The *fourth* is, by danger by ſea, and the delivery out of it, to *verſ.* 33.

In the *latter* part of the pſalm he praileth God for his dealing with people and nations, in changes made among them, in their lands, perſons, goods, and eſtates, for the good of his own, and overthrow of the proud. One change is, of a fertile into a barren wilderneſs, for the inhabitants ſins, *verſ.* 33. 34. Another change is, of barren land into a fertile and plentiful ſoil, well peopled, to *verſ.* 39. A *third* change is, waſting and ſpoiling of well-peopled and fertile country, *verſ.* 39. A *fourth* change is, pulling down princes and ſtateſmen, and confounding of them, ſo that they know not what to do, whither to go, *verſ.* 40. The *fiſth* change is, the lifting up of the poor and deſolate, and enlarging of them in reſpects, *verſ.* 41. The beſt witneſſes of which changes are the godly and wiſe obſervers of God's providence, who, for a reward of their obſervation, ſhall have comfortable uſe and benefit of all God's diſpenſations, *verſ.* 42. 43.

1 **P**raife God, for he is good : for ſtill
his mercies laſting be.

2 Let God's redeem'd ſay ſo, whom he
from th' en'my's hand did free :

3 And gather'd them out of the lands,
from north, ſouth, eaſt, and weſt.

4 They ſtray'd in deſerts pathleſs way,
no city found to reſt.

5 For thirſt and hunger in them faints

6 their ſoul. When ſtraits them preſs,

The

They cry unto the Lord, and he
 them frees from their distress.
 them also in a way to walk,
 that right is, he did guide,
 hat they might to a city go,
 wherein they might abide.

O that men to the Lord would give
 praise, for his goodness, then,
 and for his works of wonder done
 unto the sons of men!

For he the soul that longing is,
 doth fully satisfy,
 With goodness he the hungry soul
 doth fill abundantly.

Such as shut up in darkness deep,
 and in death's shade abide,
 Whom strongly hath affliction bound,
 and irons fast have ty'd :

(Because against the word of God
 they wrought rebelliously,
 And they the counsel did contemn
 of him that is most high) :

Their heart he did bring down with grief,
 they fell, no help could have.

In trouble then they cry'd to God,
 he them from straits did save.

He out of darkness did them bring,
 and from death's shade them take :

Those

- Those bands wherewith they had been bound
afunder quite he brake.
- 15 O that men to the Lord would give
praise, for his goodness, then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the sons of men !
- 16 Because the mighty gates of brass
in pieces he did tear,
By him in sunder also cut
the bars of iron were.
- 17 Fools, for their sin, and their offence,
do sore affliction bear.
- 18 All kind of meat their soul abhors,
they to death's gates draw near.
- 19 In grief they cry to God, he saves
them from their miseries.
- 20 He sends his word, them heals, and then
from their destructions frees.
- 21 O that men to the Lord would give
praise, for his goodness, then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the sons of men !
- 22 And let them sacrifice to him
off'rings of thankfulness,
And let them shew abroad his works
in songs of joyfulness.
- 23 Who go to sea in ships, and in
great waters trading be,

Within the deep these men God's works,
and his great wonders see.

For he commands, and forth in haste
the stormy tempest flies,
Which makes the sea with rolling waves
aloft to swell and rise.

They mount to heav'n, then to the depths
they do go down again ;

Their soul doth faint, and melt away
with trouble and with pain.

They reel and stagger like one drunk,
at their wits end they be :

Then they to God in trouble cry,
who them from straits doth free.

The storm is chang'd into a calm,
at his command and will,

So that the waves which rag'd before,
now quiet are and still.

Then are they glad, because at rest
and quiet now they be ;

So to the haven he them brings,
which they desir'd to see.

O that men to the Lord would give
praise, for his goodness, then,

And for his works of wonder done
unto the sons of men !

Among the people gathered,
let them exalt his name ;

Among

Among assembled elders spread
his most renowned fame.

33 He to dry land turns water-springs,
and floods to wilderness;

34 For sins of those that dwell therein,
fat land to barrenness.

35 The burnt and parched wilderness
to water-pools he brings,
The ground that was dry'd up before,
he turns to water-springs.

36 And there, for dwelling, he a place
doth to the hungry give,
That they a city may prepare
commodiously to live.

37 There sow they fields, and vineyards plant
to yield fruits of increase.

38 His blessing makes them multiply,
lets not their beasts decrease.

39 Again they are diminished,
and very low brought down,
Through sorrow and affliction,
and great oppression.

40 He upon princes pours contempt,
and causeth them to stray,
And wander in a wilderness,
wherein there is no way.

41 Yet setteth he the poor on high
from all his miseries,

And

And he, much like unto a flock,
doth make him families.

They that are righteous shall rejoyce,
when they the same shall see;
And, as ashamed, stop her mouth
shall all iniquity.

Whoso is wise, and will these things
observe, and them record,
Ev'n they shall understand the love
and kindness of the Lord.

P S A L M CVIII.

A song or psalm of David.

This psalm is composed of a part of the *fifty-seventh* Psalm, from *vers.* 7. to the end; and of a part of the *sixtieth* Psalm, from *vers.* 5. to the end; but in a diverse notion: for in the *fifty-seventh* and *sixtieth* Psalms, David is praying for experience of the truth of the promise made to him concerning the kingdom of *Israel*, and victory over his enemies on all sides, being now in hazard by them; but here he is making use of the experience received, and of victory obtained over enemies within and without the kingdom of *Israel*, for the encouragement of the church militant to the end of the world, against intestine and foreign enemies whatsoever. Again, in these two former psalms, whence he doth repeat the words of this psalm, he had his own interest to plead, beside what was typical in his exercise: here his own interest being settled, and the promise made to himself performed, he recommendeth this experience of his in a more abstract notion from his own particular, and in a more typical way of a pledge of the victory of the true church militant, under her head and Lord, over all her enemies, both intestine and foreign, without the verge of the visible profession, that in the
faith

faith of Christ, and hope of his prevailing in the war, enlarging and reforming of the visible catholic church, and overthrowing of the open enemies of Christ's kingdom, typified under the exercise of David, the true subjects of Christ might go on in their warfare with the Lord's confidence.

This psalm hath two parts. In the former is the giving of faith, and promise of praise; in hope of obtaining all which, the church is here to pray for, *vers.* 1. 4. 5. In the latter part is the prayer for preservation of the church, *vers.* 6. with confidence to be helped, whatsoever impediment appear, against all that stand out against Christ's kingdom, whether within the visible church, *vers.* 7. 8. or whether without, such are professed enemies unto it, *vers.* 9. 10. 11. Which prayer is followed forth, *vers.* 12. and comfortably concluded with assurance of the church's victory by the assistance of God, *vers.* 13.

- 1 **M**Y heart is fix'd, Lord, I will sing,
and with my glory praise.
- 2 Awake up, psaltery and harp,
myself I'll early raise.
- 3 I'll praise thee 'mong the people, Lord,
'mong nations sing will I.
- 4 For above heav'n thy mercy's great,
thy truth doth reach the sky.
- 5 Be thou above the heavens, Lord,
exalted gloriously :
Thy glory all the earth above
be lifted up on high.
- 6 That those who thy beloved are,
delivered may be :
O do thou save with thy right hand,
and answer give to me.

God in his holiness hath said,
 Herein I will take pleasure,
 Shechem I will divide, and forth
 will Succoth's valley measure.
 Gilead I claim as mine by right,
 Manasseh mine shall be,
 Ephra'm is of my head the strength,
 Judah gives laws for me.

Moab's my washing-pot, my shoe
 I'll over Edom throw :
 Over the land of Palestine
 I will in triumph go.

O who is he will bring me to
 the city fortify'd ?

O who is he that to the land
 of Edom will me guide ?

O God, thou who hadst cast us off,
 this thing wilt thou not do ?

And wilt not thou, ev'n thou, O God,
 forth with our armies go ?

Do thou from trouble give us help :
 for helpless is man's aid.

Through God we shall do valiantly :
 our foes he shall down tread.

P S A L M CIX.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

David, as a type of Christ, hath here to do with his and
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the Lord's desperate enemies. The psalm hath parts. In the *first* part, he complaineth against them to God, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. In the *second*, he prayeth the fearful vengeance of God against them, of imprecation in the spirit of prophecy, unto *vers.* the *third* part, he putteth up a prayer to God for self, and is comforted. In all which he is a type of and hath an eye unto Christ's kingdom, and to the desperate enemies thereof, as the Apostle Peter doth testify in his application of what is here spoken, as a prophesie in part completed in Judas, *Acts* 1. 20. And he is not satisfying his own private revenge against Achitophel, or any other such like traitor, but as a prophet foretelling what judgment was to fall on the desperate enemies of God, and as a saint subscribing to righteous judgments, for the terror of all opposers of Christ's kingdom.

- 1 **O** Thou the God of all my praise,
do thou not hold thy peace.
- 2 For mouths of wicked men, to speak
against me, do not cease ;
The mouths of vile deceitful men
against me open'd be :
And with a false and lying tongue
they have accused me.
- 3 They did beset me round about
with words of hateful spite :
And though to them no cause I gave,
against me they did fight.
- 4 They for my love became my foes :
but I me set to pray.
- 5 Evil for good, hatred for love,
to me they did repay.

Let thou the wicked over him :
 And upon his right hand
 Give thou his greatest enemy,
 Ev'n Satan, leave to stand.
 And when by thee he shall be judg'd,
 Let him condemned be ;
 And let his pray'r be turn'd to sin,
 When he shall call on thee.

How be his days, and in his room
 His charge another take.
 His children let be fatherless,
 His wife a widow make.
 His children let be vagabonds,
 And beg continually :
 And, from their places desolate,
 Seek bread for their supply.

Let covetous extortioners
 Catch all he hath away :
 Of all for which he labour'd hath
 Let strangers make a prey.
 Let there be none to pity him :
 Let there be none at all
 That on his children fatherless
 Will let his mercy fall.

Let his posterity from earth
 Cut off for ever be,
 And in the foll'wing age their name
 Be blotted out by thee.

- 14 Let God his father's wickedness
still to remembrance call :
And never let his mother's sin
be blotted out at all.
- 15 But let them all before the Lord
appear continually,
That he may wholly from the earth
cut off their memory.
- 16 Because he mercy minded not,
but persecuted still
The poor and needy, that he might
the broken-hearted kill.
- 17 As he in cursing pleasure took,
so let it to him fall :
As he delighted not to-blefs,
so blefs him not at all.
- 18 As cursing he like cloaths put on ;
into his bowels so,
Like water, and into his bones,
like oil, down let it go.
- 19 Like to the garment let it be
which doth himself array,
And for a girdle, wherewith he
is girt about alway.
- 20 From God let this be their reward
that en'mies are to me,
And their reward, that speak against
my soul maliciously.

But do thou, for thine own name's sake,

O God the Lord, for me :

Sith good and sweet thy mercy is,
from trouble set me free.

For I am poor and indigent,
afflicted sore am I,

My heart within me also is
wounded exceedingly.

I pass like a declining shade,
am like the locust tost.

My knees through fasting weaken'd are,
my flesh hath fatness lost.

I also am a vile reproach
unto them made to be :

And they that did upon me look,
did shake their heads at me.

O do thou help and succour me,
who art my God and Lord :

And, for thy tender mercies sake,
safety to me afford :

That thereby they may know, that this
is thy almighty hand ;

And that thou, Lord, hast done the same,
they may well understand.

Although they curse with spite, yet, Lord,
bless thou with loving voice :

Let them a'sha n'd be when they rise :
thy servant let rejoice.

- 29 Let thou mine adversaries all
with shame be clothed over :
And let their own confusion
them, as a mantle, cover.
- 30 But as for me, I with my mouth
will greatly praise the Lord ;
And I among the multitude
his praises will record.
- 31 For he shall stand at his right hand
who is in poverty,
To save him from all those that would
condemn his soul to die.

P S A L M CX.

A psalm of David.

This psalm containeth the doctrine of Christ, God and man
in one person, concerning his everlasting kingdom :
priesthood, whose kingdom albeit begun to be manifest
among the Jews, yet was to be extended unto the G
tiles with great success, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. As for his prie
hood, he is settled therein for ever by an oath, *vers.*
and that with the overthrow of his enemies, how great
many soever, *vers.* 5. 6. ; yet not without Christ's suff
ings, by which he was to be humbled, and then to be
alted, *vers.* 7.

1 **T**HE Lord did say unto my Lord,
Sit thou at my right hand,
Until I make thy foes a stool
whereon thy feet may stand.

The Lord shall out of Zion send
 the rod of thy great pow'r :
 amidst of all thine enemies
 be thou the governor.

willing people, in thy day
 of pow'r, shall come to thee,
 holy beauties from morn's womb :
 thy youth like dew shall be.
 The Lord himself hath made an oath,
 and will repent him never,
 if th' order of Melchizedek
 thou art a priest for ever.

The glorious and mighty Lord,
 that sits at thy right hand,
 shall, in his day of wrath, strike through
 kings that do him withstand.
 He shall among the heathen judge,
 he shall with bodies dead
 the places fill : o'er many lands
 he wound shall ev'ry head.

The brook that runneth in the way
 with drink shall him supply :
 And for this cause, in triumph he
 shall lift his head on high.

P S A L M CXI.

The scope of this psalm is to stir up all to praise God ; and that

that for so many reasons as there are *verses* in the psalm. The exhortation is in the first words, *Praise ye the Lord*. The reasons follow in order. The psalm is composed after the order of the Hebrew alphabet, as every sentence or half-*verse* beginneth with a several letter of the alphabet in order; and all the psalm is of praise only.

- 1 **P**Raise ye the Lord, With my whole heart,
I will God's praise declare,
Where the assemblies of the just
and congregations are.
- 2 The whole works of the Lord our God,
are great above all measure,
Sought out they are of ev'ry one
that do therein take pleasure.
- 3 His work most honourable is,
most glorious and pure:
And his untainted righteousness
for ever doth endure.
- 4 His works most wonderful he hath
made to be thought upon:
The Lord is gracious, and he is
full of compassion.
- 5 He giveth meat unto all those
that truly do him fear:
And evermore his covenant
he in his mind will bear.
- 6 He did the power of his works
unto his people show,
When he the heathens heritage
upon them did bestow.

His handy-works are truth and right ;
all his commands are sure.

And done in truth and uprightnes,
they evermore endure.

He sent redemption to his folk,
his covenant for ay

He did command: holy his name
and rev'rend is alway.

Wisdom's beginning is God's fear :
good understanding they

Have all, that his commands fulfil :
his praise endures for ay.

P S A L M CXII.

This psalm is a praising of God for blessing of the believers ;
and the whole psalm doth prove that the believer is bless'd.
Which proposition is set down, *vers.* 1. and confirm'd
with so many reasons as there are *verses* following.

PRaise ye the Lord. 'The man is blefs'd
that fears the Lord aright,
He who in his commandements
doth greatly take delight.

His seed and off-spring powerful
shall be the earth upon :

Of upright men blessed shall be
the generation.

Riches and wealth shall ever be
within his house in store :

And

And his unspotted righteousness
endures for evermore.

4 Unto the upright light doth rise,
though he in darkness be :

Compassionate, and merciful,
and righteous is he.

5 A good man doth his favour shew,
and doth to others lend ;

He with discretion his affairs
will guide unto the end.

6 Surely there is not any thing
that ever shall him move :

The righteous man's memorial
shall everlasting prove.

7 When he shall evil tidings hear,
he shall not be afraid :

His heart is fix'd, his confidence
upon the Lord is stay'd.

8 His heart is firmly stablished,
afraid he shall not be,

Until upon his enemies
he his desire shall see.

9 He hath dispers'd, giv'n to the poor ;
his righteousness shall be

To ages all ; with honour shall
his horn be raised high.

10 The wicked shall it see, and fret ;
his teeth gnash, melt away :

What wicked men do most desire
shall utterly decay.

P S A L M CXIII.

This also is a psalm of praise. Wherein, *first*, the proposition, that God is to be praised by all, is set down, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. In the *next* place are the reasons taken from his incomparable majesty, *vers.* 4. 5. In the *third* place are the reasons of his praise, taken from his bounty towards men, in raising the afflicted unto an honourable condition, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. and enlarging of desolate families, *vers.* 9.

- P**raise God. Ye servants of the Lord,
O praise, the Lord's name praise.
Yea, blessed be the name of God
from this time forth always.
From rising sun to where it sets,
God's name is to be prais'd.
Above all nations God is high,
'bove heav'n's his glory rais'd.
Unto the Lord our God, that dwells
on high, who can compare?
Himself that humbleth things to see
in heav'n and earth that are?
He from the dust doth raise the poor,
that very low doth lie,
And from the dunghil lifts the man
oppress'd with poverty:
That he may highly him advance,
and with the princes set,

With

With those that of his people are
the chief, ev'n princes great.

- 9 The barren woman house to keep
he maketh, and to be
Of sons a mother full of joy.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

P S A L M CXIV.

This psalm is a praising of God for the gracious and good work of delivering of his people out of Egypt, and bringing them into Canaan; and that for six reasons. The first whereof is, *vers.* 1. The next, *vers.* 2. The third, *vers.* 3. The fourth, *vers.* 4. The fifth, with the special use of, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. The sixth, *vers.* 8.

- 1 **W**Hen Isr'el out of Egypt went,
and did his dwelling change,
When Jacob's house went out from those
that were of language strange ;
- 2 He Judah did his sanctuary,
his kingdom Isr'el make.
- 3 The sea it saw, and quickly fled ;
Jordan was driven back.
- 4 Like rams the mountains, and like lambs
the hills skipp'd to and fro.
- 5 O sea, why fledd'st thou ? Jordan, back
why wast thou driven so ?
- 6 Ye mountains great, wherefore was it
that ye did skip like rams ?

And wherefore was it, little hills,
that ye did leap like lambs?

At the presence of the Lord,
earth, tremble thou for fear,
While as the presence of the God
of Jacob doth appear.

Who from the hard and stony rock
did standing water bring,
and by his pow'r did turn the flint
into a water-spring.

P S A L M CXV.

The church of *Israel* being under the power of the Heathen,
and unable to help themselves, do fly to God for relief.
As in the *former* part of the psalm, they pray for deliv-
erance, strengthening their hope to be heard by *four* argu-
ments, unto *vers.* 9. In the *latter* part, the church is
encouraged to trust in God, and to expect deliverance in
due time, by several reasons, all serving to confirm their
faith, unto the end of the psalm.

NOT unto us, Lord, not to us,
but do thou glory take
unto thy name, ev'n for thy truth,
and for thy mercy's sake.
Wherefore should the heathen say,
Where is their God now gone?
What our God in the heavens is,
what pleas'd him he hath done.

- 4 Their idols silver are and gold,
work of mens hands they be.
- 5 Mouths have they, but they do not spee
and eyes, but do not see.
- 6 Ears have they, but they do not hear;
noses, but savour not.
- 7 Hands, feet, but handle not, nor walk
nor speak they through their throat.
- 8 Like them their makers are; and all
on them their trust that build.
- 9 O Isr'el, trust thou in the Lord:
he is their help and shield.
- 10 O Aaron's house, trust in the Lord:
their help and shield is he.
- 11 Ye that fear God, trust in the Lord:
their help and shield he'll be.
- 12 The Lord of us hath mindful been,
and he will bless us still,
He will the house of Isr'el bless,
bless Aaron's house he will.
- 13 Both small and great that fear the Lord
he will them surely bless.
- 14 The Lord will you, you and your seed
ay more and more increase.
- 15 O blessed are ye of the Lord,
who made the earth and heav'n.
- 16 The heav'n, ev'n heav'ns are God's: but
earth to mens sons hath giv'n.

The dead, nor who to silence go,
 God's praise do not record.
 But henceforth we for ever will
 bless God. Praise ye the Lord.

P S A L M CXVI.

This psalm is a *threefold* engagement of the Psalmist unto thanksgiving unto God, for his mercy unto him, and in particular for some notable delivery of him from death, both bodily and spiritual. The *first* engagement is, that he shall out of love have his recourse unto God always by prayer, *vers.* 1. 2. : the reasons and motives whereof are set down, because of his delivery out of a great strait, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. The *second* engagement is to a holy conversation, *vers.* 9. : the motives and reasons whereof are set down *vers.* 10. 11. 12. The *third* engagement is unto promised praises, or paying of praises and vows before the church, with the reasons thereof, *vers.* 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19.

I Love the Lord, because my voice
 and prayers he did hear.

I, while I live, will call on him,
 who bow'd to me his ear.

Of death the cords and sorrows did
 about me compass round,

The pains of hell took hold on me :
 I grief and trouble found.

Upon the name of God the Lord :
 then did I call ; and say,

Deliver thou my soul, O Lord,
 I do thee humbly pray.

5 God merciful and righteous is :
yea, gracious is our Lord.

6 God saves the meek : I was brought low
he did me help afford.

7 O thou my soul, do thou return
unto thy quiet rest,
For largely, lo, the Lord to thee
his bounty hath exprest.

8 For my distressed soul from death
deliver'd was by thee ;
Thou didst my mourning eyes from tear
my feet from falling free.

9 I in the land of those that live
will walk the Lord before.

10 I did believe, therefore I spake :
I was afflicted sore.

11 I said, when I was in my haste,
that all men lyars be.

12 What shall I render to the Lord,
for all his gifts to me ?

13 I'll of salvation take the cup,
on God's name will I call.

14 I'll pay my vows now to the Lord,
before his people all.

15 Dear in God's sight is his saints death.

16 Thy servant, Lord, am I,
Thy servant sure, thine handmaid's son :
my bands thou didst untie.

17 That

Thank-off'rings I to thee will give,
and on God's name will call.

I'll pay my vows now to the Lord,
before his people all :

Within the courts of God's own house,
within the midst of thee,

O city of Jerusalem.

Praise to the Lord give ye.

P S A L M CXVII.

This psalm is an exhortation to the Gentiles to praise God,
vers. 1. for his mercy and truth towards his people, *vers.*
2.

O Give ye praise unto the Lord,
all nations that be :

Likewise, ye people all, accord
his name to magnify.

For great to us-ward ever are
his loving-kindnesses :

His truth endures for evermore.

The Lord O do ye bless.

P S A L M CXVIII.

The Psalmist in this thanksgiving for bringing him so wonderfully to the kingdom, prophesieth in this psalm of Christ's troubles by his enemies, and of his victories over them, both in his own person, and in his mystical body. This psalm hath such an eye and respect unto Christ and

his church, that whatsoever shadow of these things be found in David, the main substance and accomplishment of all things herein contained, are to be found clearly and fully in Christ's wrestling with his enemies, his triumphing over them, for the comfort of the church and glory of the Father. And this the church of Israel perceiveth and acknowledge, as appeareth by their acclamation taken out of this psalm, and made to Christ at his coming into Jerusalem, as King riding; and by Christ's intercession, and appropriating of it unto himself, *Matth. xxi. 42*. For this cause also the Psalmist doth not prefix his name unto this psalm, whatsoever might be fit for his particular experience in it; but leaveth it to run the more clearly directly toward the Messiah, or Christ, who is here meant and intended.

The psalm may be divided into *three* parts. In the *first*, the Psalmist, and Christ represented by him, exhorteth the church to praise God, and giveth sundry reasons for it, unto *vers. 14*. In the *second*, he reneweth the church of God's praise, and giveth new reasons for the same, unto *vers. 19*. In the *third*, Christ's triumph is set down, wherein he goeth into the temple and solemn assembly of the church: And here Christ by his rejoicing stirreth up the church to rejoice, and the church giveth acclamation to him as their Lord and King; and all the company of saints rejoice together, and priests and people stir up one another to praise the Lord, unto the end of the psalm.

- 1 **O** Praise the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy lasteth ever,
- 2 Let those of Israel now say,
His mercy faileth never.
- 3 Now let the house of Aaron say,
His mercy lasteth ever.
- 4 Let those that fear the Lord now say,
His mercy faileth never.
- 5 I in distress call'd on the Lord:
the Lord did answer me,

He in a large place did me set,
 from trouble made me free.
 The mighty Lord is on my side,
 I will not be afraid ;
 For any thing that man can do,
 I shall not be dismay'd.

The Lord doth take my part with them.
 that help to succour me :
 Therefore on those that do me hate
 I my desire shall see.
 Better it is to trust in God,
 than trust in man's defence.
 Better to trust in God, than make
 princes our confidence.

The nations, joining all in one,
 did compass me about :
 But in the Lord's most holy name
 I shall them all root out.
 They compass'd me about, I say,
 they compass'd me about :
 But in the Lord's most holy name
 I shall them all root out.

! Like bees they compass'd me about,
 like unto thorns that flame
 They quenched are : for them shall I
 destroy in God's own name.
 3 Thou sore hast thrust, that I might fall :
 but my Lord helped me.

- 14 God my salvation is become,
my strength and song is he.
- 15 In dwellings of the righteous
is heard the melody
Of joy and health: the Lord's right ha
doth ever valiantly.
- 16 The right hand of the mighty Lord
exalted is on high:
The right hand of the mighty Lord
doth ever valiantly.
- 17 I shall not die, but live, and shall
the works of God discover.
- 18 The Lord hath me chastised sore:
but not to death giv'n over.
- 19 O set ye open unto me
the gates of righteousness:
Then will I enter into them,
and I the Lord will bless.
- 20 This is the gate of God, by it
the just shall enter in.
- 21 Thee will I praise, for thou me heardst
and hast my safety been.
- 22 That stone is made head corner-stone,
which builders did despise.
- 23 This is the doing of the Lord,
and wondrous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day God made, in it
we'll joy triumphantly.

Save now, I pray thee, Lord: I pray
send now prosperity.

Blessed is he, in God's great name,
that cometh us to save:

We, from the house which to the Lord
pertains, you blessed have.

God is the Lord, who unto us
hath made light to arise;

Bind ye unto the altar's horns,
with cords, the sacrifice.

Thou art my God, I'll thee exalt;
my God, I'll thee praise.

Give thanks to God, for he is good:
his mercy lasts always.

P S A L M CXIX.

read of no man who had more troubles and exercises of
conscience, or greater vicissitude of changes outward and
inward, or more frequent experiences of his own weak-
ness, wretchedness, and sinfulness, or of God's merciful di-
rection, consolation, and deliverance, than David. This
man did the Lord fit, by the immediate inspiration of the
holy Ghost, for the edification of the church, to express
his exercises, and good deliverances from them all. And
in this psalm, as in a bundle, he hath collected the sum of
his holy meditations, and of the profitable uses which he
made of the revealed will of God in scripture, in all the
conditions wherein he was, to teach all the faithful after-
wards, to have the word of God in special regard, and to
have respect unto it as the only rule whereby they might
find direction, consolation, and salvation, however mat-
ters went. To this end, for memory's sake, he hath filed
the Hebrew alphabet with twenty-two meditations, eve-

ry one of them beginning with a several letter of the alphabet, and every section having eight *verses*, beginning with the same letter, and every *verse* almost of every line, under some expression making mention of the figure.

The words wherein the scripture, or revealed will of God in scripture, here is expressed, is one of these *ten*. 1. *Law or Doctrine*; which signifieth the Lord's will or commandment taught of God, that all men should learn it. 2. *Statute*; which signifieth, that this revealed will of God containeth the duties which God hath appointed and prescribed for our rule. 3. *Precepts*; which signify, that this will of God is imposed by the authority of our Sovereign-giver. 4. *Commands*; which signifieth, that this revealed will is committed unto our trust, to be kept. 5. *Testimonies*; which signifieth, that this revealed will of God doth testify of our duty and our doings, whether conformable or not to the rule; and testifieth also what event may be expected by our believing or misbelieving, by our obedience or disobedience thereof. 6. *Judgments*; which signifyeth the scripture to be God's judicial decree, ordering how our words, deeds, and thoughts, shall be ordered, and what shall be the execution of his will answerable thereto. 7. *Oracle or Speech*; because the scripture proceedeth as if it were from the mouth of God. 8. *The Word*; which signifieth God's expounding his mind to us, as if he were speaking unto us. 9. *The Way of God*; which signifieth the Lord's giving direction for our several actions, how we should walk, as by so many steps unto the kingdom of heaven. 10. *Righteousness*; which signifieth, that the word of God hath in it the way how a man shall be justified, *to wit*, by faith; and how a justified man should prove himself to God and man, as justified by faith, that every son of wisdom must and will justify this will of God as the perfect rule of righteousness.

A L E P H. *The 1st Part.*

In this first section he describeth the blessed man to be those who walk in the obedience of faith, as God's law prescribeth, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. Then he maketh application of this doctrine to himself: And, *first*, acknowledgeth his obligation to follow the direction of the Lord in the

ance of faith, *vers.* 4. And then he wisheth to have grace to obey, *vers.* 5. ; because so he should not be ashamed nor appointed of his hope, *vers.* 6. ; and also, so he should be enabled to glorify and praise God more perfectly, *vers.* 7. And, *thirdly*, engageth himself to follow this course of promise and prayer, *vers.* 8.

Blessed are they that undefil'd
 and straight are in the way,
 Who in the Lord's most holy law
 do walk, and do not stray.
 Blessed are they who to observe
 his statutes are inclin'd,
 And who do seek the living God
 with their whole heart and mind.
 Such in his ways do walk : and they
 do no iniquity.
 Thou hast commanded us to keep
 thy precepts carefully.
 O that thy statutes to observe
 thou wouldst my ways direct !
 Then shall I not be sham'd, when I
 thy precepts all respect.
 Then with integrity of heart
 thee will I praise and bless,
 When I the judgments all have learn'd
 of thy pure righteousness.
 That I will keep thy statutes all
 firmly resolv'd have I :
 O do not then, most gracious God,
 forsake me utterly.

BETH. *The 2d Part.*

In this section, *first*, he propounds this doctrine, The of God is the only rule and effectual instrument of rining and sanctifying of an uorenewed man; and the way to find the efficacy of the word, is to study to from a man's mind, will, and actions, thereunto, *ve*. And then, in the next place, to the end he may teach to make use of this doctrine by his example, he shew the sincerity of his own endeavour by *seven* evidence. The *first* and *second* is, *vers.* 10. The *third* is, *vers.* 11. The *fourth* is, *vers.* 12. The *fifth* is, *vers.* 13. The *sixth* is, *vers.* 14. The *seventh* is, *vers.* 15. 16.

9 By what means shall a young man learn his way to purify?

If he according to thy word thereto attentive be.

10 Unfeignedly thee have I sought with all my soul and heart:

O let me not from the right path of thy commands depart.

11 Thy word I in my heart have hid, that I offend not thee.

12 O Lord, thou ever blessed art: thy statutes teach thou me.

13 The judgments of thy mouth each one my lips declared have.

14 More joy thy testimonies way than riches all me gave.

15 I will thy holy precepts make my meditation,

And carefully I'll have respect
unto thy ways each one.

Upon thy statutes my delight
shall constantly be set :

And by thy grace I never will
thy holy word forget.

G I M E L. *The 3d Part.*

In this section he prayeth the Lord for continuance of his grace, that he may have occasion of further service which he desireth may be done by him; and for this end also he prayeth, that he may have a deeper insight into the mysteries of God's word, *vers.* 17. 18. And these two petitions he presseth by three reasons, *vers.* 19. 20. 21. He prayeth also for clearing of his innocency, and for removing reproach from him, for other three reasons, *vers.* 22. 23.

With me thy servant, in thy grace,
deal bountifully, Lord,

That by thy favour I may live,
and duly keep thy word.

Open mine eyes, that of thy law
the wonders I may see.

I am a stranger on this earth,
hide not thy laws from me.

My soul within me breaks, and doth
much fainting still endure,

Through longing that it hath all times
unto thy judgments pure.

Thou hast rebuk'd the cursed proud,
who from thy precepts swerve.

- 22 Reproach and shame remove from me,
for I thy laws observe.
- 23 Against me princes spake with spite,
while they in council sat :
But I thy servant did upon
thy statutes meditate.
- 24 My comfort, and my heart's delight,
thy testimonies be,
And they in all my doubts and fears
are counsellors to me.

DALETH. *The 4th Part.*

In this section there are six petitions, with their reasons annexed unto them; some of them set down some of them set down after the petition. The first is, *vers.* 25. The second is, *vers.* 26. The third is, *vers.* 27. The fourth is, *vers.* 28. The fifth is, *vers.* 29. The sixth is, *vers.* 30. 31. 32.

- 25 My soul to dust cleaves : quicken me
according to thy word.
- 26 My ways I shew'd, and me thou heard'st
teach me thy statutes, Lord.
- 27 The way of thy commandements
make me aright to know :
So all thy works that wondrous are
I shall to others show.
- 28 My soul doth melt, and drop away,
for heaviness and grief :
To me, according to thy word,
give strength, and send relief.

From me the wicked way of lyes
let far removed be :

And graciously thy holy law
do thou grant unto me.

I chosen have the perfect way
of truth and verity :

Thy judgments that most righteous are
before me laid have I.

I to thy testimonies cleave :
shame do not on me cast.

I'll run thy precepts way, when thou
my heart enlarged hast.

H E. *The 5th Part.*

In this section there are eight petitions, according to the number of the verses.

Teach me, O Lord, the perfect way
of thy precepts divine,

And to observe it to the end.

I shall my heart incline.

Give understanding unto me,

so keep thy law shall I,

Yea, ev'n with my whole heart I shall
observe it carefully.

In thy laws path make me to go,
for I delight therein.

My heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to greed incline.

- 37 Turn thou away my sight and eyes
from viewing vanity :
And in thy good and holy way
be pleas'd to quicken me.
- 38 Confirm to me thy gracious word,
which I did gladly hear,
Ev'n to thy servant, Lord, who is
devoted to thy fear.
- 39 Turn thou away my fear'd reproach :
for good thy judgments be.
- 40 Lo, for thy precepts I have long'd :
in thy truth quicken me.

V A U. . . *The 6th Part.*

In this section he prayeth, *first*, for deliverance out of his hard condition, and giveth reasons for strengthening his hope in his prayer, *vers.* 41. 42. And, *next*, he prayeth for grace to confess God's truth openly, till the defence come; and he strengthens his hope by *six* or *seven* reasons, in the rest of the section.

- 41 Let thy sweet mercies also come,
and visit me, O Lord ;
Ev'n thy benigna salvation,
according to thy word.
- 42 So shall I have wherewith I may
give him an answer just,
[Who spitefully reproacheth me :
for in thy word I trust.
- 43 The word of truth out of my mouth
take thou not utterly ;

For on thy judgments righteous
 my hope doth still rely.
 So shall I keep for evermore
 thy law continually.
 And sith that I thy precepts seek,
 I'll walk at liberty.

I'll speak thy word to kings, and I
 with shame shall not be mov'd :
 And will delight myself always
 in thy laws which I lov'd.
 To thy commandments which I lov'd,
 my hands lift up I will :
 And I will also meditate
 upon thy statutes still.

Z A I N: *The 7th Part.*

in this section he prayeth for the performance of the promise, which he hath believed, and whereof he hath found the fruits already in a good measure, *verf. 49.* The fruits which he hath found already by his faith in the word are *seven*, all in order set down in the rest of the *verses* of this section.

- Remember, Lord, thy gracious word
 thou to thy servant spake,
 Which, for a ground of my sure hope,
 thou caus'dst me to take.
- This word of thine my comfort is
 in mine affliction :
 For in my straits I am reviv'd
 by this thy word alone.

- 51 The men whose hearts with pride are stuff
 did great'y me deride :
 Yet from thy straight commandements
 I have not turn'd aside.
- 52 Thy judgments righteous, O Lord,
 which thou of old forth gave,
 I did remember ; and myself
 by them comforted have.
- 53 Horror took hold on me, because
 ill men thy law forsake.
- 54 I in my house of pilgrimage
 thy laws my songs do make.
- 55 Thy name by night, Lord, I did mind,
 and I have kept thy law.
- 56 And this I had : because thy word
 I kept, and stood in awe.

C H E T H. *The 8th Part.*

In this section he laboureth to confirm his faith, and comfort himself in the certainty of his regeneration, *eight* properties of a sound believer, or *eight* marks new creature. The *first* and *second* whereof are, *vers.* The *third* is, *vers.* 58. The *fourth* is, *vers.* 59. 60. The *fifth* is, *vers.* 61. The *sixth* is, *vers.* 62. The *seventh* is, *vers.* 63. The *eighth* is, *vers.* 64.

- 57 Thou my sure portion art alone,
 which I did chuse, O Lord :
 I have resolv'd, and said, that I
 would keep thy holy word.

With my whole heart I did intreat
thy face and favour free :
According to thy gracious word
be merciful to me.

I thought upon my former ways,
and did my life well try,
And to thy testimonies pure
my feet then turned I.
I did not stay, nor linger long,
as those that slothful are,
But hastily thy laws to keep
myself I did prepare.

Bands of ill men me robb'd : yet I
thy precepts did not slight.

I'll rise at midnight thee to praise :
ev'n for thy judgments right.

I am companion to all those
who fear and thee obey.

O Lord, thy mercy fills the earth :
teach me thy laws, I pray.

T E T H. *The 9th Part.*

In this section he gives *eight* marks of a thankful soul, delivered from heavy trouble for a time, all in order set down in the *eight* following verses.

4 Well hast thou with thy servant dealt,
as thou didst promise give.

5 Good judgment me, and knowledge teach :
for I thy word believe.

- 67 Ere I afflicted was, I stray'd :
but now I keep thy word.
- 68 Both good thou art, and good thou dost
teach me thy statutes, Lord:
- 69 The men that are puff'd up with pride,
against me forg'd a lye :
Yet thy commandements observe
with my whole heart will I.
- 70 Their hearts through worldly ease and weal
as fat as grease they be,
But in thy holy law I take
delight continually.
- 71 It hath been very good for me
that I afflicted was :
That I might well instructed be,
and learn thy holy laws.
- 72 The word that cometh from thy mouth
is better unto me
Than many thousands, and great sums
of gold and silver be.

J O D. *The 10th Part.*

In this section is set down the example of the right care of a believer, brought out of one calamity, and cast another. His good behaviour consisteth in these six ties. The first is, *vers. 73. 74.* The second is, *vers. 75.* The third is, *vers. 76. 77.* The fourth is, *vers. 78.* The fifth is, *vers. 79.* The sixth is, *vers. 80.*

- 73 Thou mad'st and fashion'dst me: thy law
to know, give wisdom, Lord.

So who thee fear, shall joy to see
me trusting in thy word.

That very right thy judgments are,
I know, and do confels,
And that thou hast afflicted me
in truth and faithfulness.

O let thy kindness merciful,
I pray thee, comfort me,
As to thy servant faithfully
was promised by thee.

And let thy tender mercies come
to me, that I may live :
Because thy holy laws to me
sweet delectation give.

Lord, let the proud ashamed be,
for they without a cause
With me perversely dealt ; but I
will muse upon thy laws.

Let such as fear thee, and have known
thy statutes, turn to me.

My heart let in thy laws be sound ;
that sham'd I never be.

C A P H. *The 11th Part.*

this section is shewn how deep the persecuted servant of
God may draw in his affliction before God give him com-
fort. There are *four* degrees of his deepness in distress ;
to wit, fainting of faith, *vers.* 81. almost failing of hope,
vers. 82. failing of the body, *vers.* 83. and longing for
death, *vers.* 84. Then he sheweth how he carried him-
self

self in this condition: he layeth out his enemies
 riage before God, *vers.* 85. 86. and his own stedfast
 in extreme danger, *vers.* 87. and prayeth for comfort
 that he may in his trial bear out, *vers.* 88.

- 81 My soul for thy salvation faints :
 yet I thy word believe.
- 82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, I say,
 When wilt thou comfort give ?
- 83 For like a bottle I'm become
 that in the smoke is set,
 I'm black and parch'd with grief: yet I
 thy statutes not forget.
- 84 How many are thy servant's days?
 when wilt thou execute
 Just judgment on those wicked men
 that do me persecute ?
- 85 The proud have digged pits for me,
 which is against thy laws.
- 86 Thy words all faithful are: help me
 pursu'd without a cause.
- 87 They so consum'd me, that on earth
 my life they scarce did leave:
 Thy precepts yet forsook I not,
 but close to them did cleave.
- 88 After thy loving-kindness, Lord,
 me quicken and preserve;
 The testimony of thy mouth
 so shall I still observe.

L A M E D. *The 12th Part.*

in this section he sheweth, *first*, how he was comforted under persecution by faith in God's word; and to this end he commends the worth of the word of God, or of the scripture, for *four* reasons. The *first* is, because of the stability of it in heaven, *vers.* 89. The *next*, for the durable usefulness of it in every age of the church, *vers.* 90. The *third* is, because by God's word the earth is established, *vers.* 90, 91. The *fourth* is, because of his own experience of comfort and strength by it in his affliction, *vers.* 92. And in the *next* part, he expresseth his thankfulness, *first*, by engaging his heart to the faith and obedience of the word, *vers.* 93. Then, by dedication of himself unto God as his servant, to be saved by him, *vers.* 94. *Thirdly*, by engagement of his heart to continue against all persecution in the obedience of the word, *vers.* 95. And, *fourthly*, by commendation of the word above all things in the world, *vers.* 96.

1 Thy word for ever is, O Lord,
in heaven settled fast.

2 Unto all generations
thy faithfulness doth last.

The earth thou hast established,
and it abides by thee.

3 This day they stand as thou ordain'dst:
for all thy servants be.

4 Unless in thy most perfect law
my soul delights had found,
I should have perished, when as
my troubles did abound.

5 Thy precepts I will ne'er forget:
they quick'ning to me brought.

94 Lord,

94 Lord, I am thine, O save thou me :
thy precepts I have sought.

95 For me the wicked have laid wait,
me seeking to destroy :
But I thy testimonies true
consider will with joy.

96 An end of all perfection
here have I seen, O God ;
But as for thy commandement,
it is exceeding broad.

M E M. *The 13th Part.*

He goeth on in this section to commend the word of God and to shew his estimation of it for *eight* reasons; all order set down in the *eight* following verses.

97 O how love I thy law ! it is
my study all the day.

98 It makes me wiser than my foes :
for it doth with me stay.

99 Than all my teachers now I have
more understanding far :
Because my meditation
thy testimonies are.

100 In understanding I excel
those that are ancients :
For I endeavour'd to keep
all thy commandements.

101 My feet from each ill way I stay'd,
that I may keep thy word.

- 2 I from thy judgments have not swerv'd:
for thou hast taught me, Lord.
- 3 How sweet unto my taste, O Lord,
are all thy words of truth!
Yea, I do find them sweeter far
than honey to my mouth.
- 4 I through thy precepts, that are pure,
do understanding get:
I therefore ev'ry way that's false
with all my heart do hate.

N-U N. *The 14th Part.*

In the former section he gave evidences of his love and respect to the word of God; so in this section he giveth *eight* evidences of his sincere purpose to make use of it in his practice for time to come; all in order set down in the *eight* following verses.

- 5 Thy word is to my feet a lamp,
and to my path a light.
- 6 I sworn have, and I will perform,
to keep thy judgments right.
- 7 I am with sore affliction
ev'n overwhelm'd: O Lord,
In mercy raise and quicken me,
according to thy word.
- 8 The free-will-off'rings of my mouth
accept, I thee beseech,
And unto me thy servant, Lord,
thy judgments clearly teach.

- 109 Though still my soul be in my hand,
thy laws I'll not forget.
- 110 I err'd not from them, though for me
the wicked snares did set.
- 111 I of thy testimonies have
above all things made choice,
To be my heritage for ay :
for they my heart rejoice.
- 112 I carefully inclined have
my heart still to attend,
That I thy statutes may perform
alway unto the end.

S A M E C H. *The 15th Part.*

As he gave before evidences of his affection to the scripture and of his purpose to obey it in his practice; so in this psalm he giveth *six* evidences of his hatred of the evil, which is contrary to the good which is promised and commanded in the scripture. The *first* is, *vers.* 113. 114. The *second* is, *vers.* 115. The *third* is, *vers.* 116. The *fourth* is, *vers.* 117. The *fifth* is, *vers.* 118. 119. The *sixth* is, *vers.* 120.

- 113 I hate the thoughts of vanity :
but love thy law do I.
- 114 My shield and hiding-place thou art :
I on thy word rely.
- 115 All ye that evil-doers are,
from me depart away ;
For the commandments of my God
I purpose to obey.

116 Accord

- 6 According to thy faithful word
uphold and stablish me,
That I may live, and of my hope
ashamed never be.
- 7 Hold thou me up, so shall I be
in peace and safety still :
And to thy statutes have respect
continually I will.
- 8 Thou tread'st down all that love to stray :
false their deceit doth prove.
- 9 Lewd men like dross away thou putt'st :
therefore thy law I love.
- 10 For fear of thee my very flesh
doth tremble, all dismay'd ;
And of thy righteous judgments, Lord,
my soul is much afraid.

A I N. *The 16th Part.*

This section he prayeth to be directed, comforted, and helped against his oppressors, for six reasons. *The first is, vers. 121. The second is, vers. 122. The third is, vers. 123. The fourth is, vers. 124. 125. The fifth is, vers. 126. The sixth is, vers. 127. 128.*

- 1 To all men I have judgment done,
performing justice right :
Then let me not be left unto
my fierce oppressors might.
- 2 For good unto thy servant, Lord,
thy servant's surety be :

From the oppression of the proud
do thou deliver me.

123 Mine eyes do fail with looking long
for thy salvation,
The word of thy pure righteousness
while I do wait upon.

124 In mercy with thy servant deal,
thy laws me teach and show.

125 I am thy servant, wisdom give,
that I thy laws may know.

126 'Tis time thou work, Lord: for they be
make void thy law divine.

127 Therefore thy precepts more I love
than gold, yea, gold most fine.

128 Concerning all things thy commands
all right I judge therefore;
And ev'ry false and wicked way
I perfectly abhor.

P E. *The 17th Part.*

In this section he professeth his high estimation of, and affection to the word of God, *vers.* 129. 130. 131. And to this profession of his estimation and affection upto scripture, he subjoineth *four* petitions for the right use and benefit thereof. The *first* is, *vers.* 132. The *second* *vers.* 133. The *third* is, *vers.* 134. The *fourth* is, *vers.* 135. And then he addeth a reason to this *last* petition *vers.* 136.

129 Thy statutes, Lord, are wonderful:
my soul them keeps with care.

- 0 The entrance of thy word gives light ;
 makes wise who simple are.
- 1 My mouth I have wide opened,
 and panted earnestly :
 While after thy commandements
 I long'd exceedingly.
- 2 Look on me, Lord, and merciful
 do thou unto me prove,
 As thou art wont to do to those
 thy name who truly love.
- 3 O let my footsteps in thy word
 aright still order'd be :
 Let no iniquity obtain
 dominion over me.
- 4 From man's oppression save thou me :
 so keep thy laws I will.
- 5 Thy face make on thy servant shine :
 teach me thy statutes still.
- 6 Rivers of waters from mine eyes
 did run down, when I saw
 How wicked men run on in sin,
 and do not keep thy law.

PSALM CXIX. *The 18th Part.*

the last verse of this section he prayeth for a greater measure of the saving knowledge of the scripture most ardently, and premisseth eight reasons before the prayer, from which he doth infer his petition as a conclusion. The reasons of his petition are all set down in order in the eight following verses.

- 137 O Lord, thou art most righteous,
thy judgments are upright.
- 138 Thy testimonies thou command'st,
most faithful are, and right.
- 139 My zeal hath ev'n consumed me :
because mine enemies
Thy holy words forgotten have,
and do thy laws despise.
- 140 Thy word's most pure : therefore on
thy servant's love is set.
- 141 Small and despis'd I am : yet I
thy precepts not forget.
- 142 Thy righteousness is righteousness
which ever doth endure ;
Thy holy law, Lord, also is
the very truth most pure.
- 143 Trouble and anguish have me found,
and taken hold on me :
Yet in my trouble my delights
thy just commandments be.
- 144 Eternal righteousness is in
thy testimonies all :
Lord, to me understanding give,
and ever live I shall.

K O P H. *The 19th Part.*

In this section he saith on another main petition unto
for restoring unto him, and increasing in him the vigo
spiritual life by his word, *O Lord, quicken me accordi*

by judgment, *vers.* 149. And to press this petition he
 seth *four* arguments, some going before, some following
 after it. The *first* argument hath *four* branches. The
first branch is, *vers.* 145. The *second* is, *vers.* 146. The
third is, *vers.* 147. The *fourth* is, *vers.* 148. The *second*
 reason of this his prayer is taken from God's kindness
 expressed in his promises, *vers.* 149. The *third* is, *vers.*
 150. 151. The *fourth* is, *vers.* 152.

5 With my whole heart I cry'd, Lord, hear:
 I will thy word obey.

6 I cry'd to thee, save me, and I
 will keep thy laws always.

7 I of the morning did prevent
 the dawning, and did cry:
 For all mine expectation
 did on thy word rely.

8 Mine eyes did timeously prevent
 the watches of the night,
 That in thy word, with careful mind,
 then meditate I might.

9 After thy loving-kindness hear
 my voice, that calls on thee:
 According to thy judgment, Lord,
 revive and quicken me.

10 Who follow mischief, they draw nigh:
 they from thy law are far.

11 But thou art near, Lord: most firm truth
 all thy commandments are.

12 As for thy testimonies all,
 of old this have I try'd,

That

That thou hast surely founded them
for ever to abide.

RESH. *The 20th Part.*

In this section he prayeth for delivery out of his affliction and for quickening of him, by consolation and spirituality, to serve God till the delivery came: and to strengthen himself in the hope of obtaining this, he bringeth eight reasons of his petition; all in order set down in eight following verses.

- 153 Consider mine affliction,
in safety do me set,
Deliver me, O Lord: for I
thy law do not forget.
- 154 After thy word revive thou me:
save me, and plead my cause.
- 155 Salvation is from sinners far:
for they seek not thy laws.
- 156 O Lord, both great and manifold
thy tender mercies be:
According to thy judgments just
revive and quicken me.
- 157 My persecutors many are,
and foes, that do combine:
Yet from thy testimonies pure
my heart doth not decline.
- 158 I saw transgressors, and was griev'd:
for they despise thy word.
- 159 See how I love thy law: as thou
art kind, me quicken, Lord.

From the beginning all thy word
 hath been most true and sure :
 Thy righteous judgments ev'ry one
 for evermore endure.

SCHIN. *The 21st Part.*

In this section he taketh comfort by *six* approved evidences of saving grace feist in himself, which he presenteth unto God to be sealed by him. The *first* evidence of saving grace in the Psalmist is, *vers.* 161. The *second* is, *vers.* 162. The *third* is, *vers.* 163. The *fourth* is, *vers.* 164. And for confirmation of the former marks of saving grace, he commendeth the love of God's word, by *two* notable effects. One is, that it bringeth a glorious peace with it. Another is, that it maketh a man hold on in the way of God's obedience, whatsoever impediments or stumbling-blocks shall be cast in his way, *vers.* 165. The *fifth* evidence of saving grace in the Psalmist is, *vers.* 166. The *sixth* is, *vers.* 167. 168.

- 1 Princes have persecuted me,
 although no cause they saw :
 But still of thy most holy word
 my heart doth stand in awe.
- 2 I at thy word rejoyce, as one
 of spoil that finds great store.
- 3 Thy law I love : but lying all
 I hate and do abhor.
- 4 Sev'n times a day it is my care
 to give due praise to thee :
 Because of all thy judgments, Lord,
 which righteous ever be.

- 165 Great peace have they who love thy
offence they shall have none.
- 166 I hop'd for thy salvation, Lord,
and thy commands have done.
- 167 My soul thy testimonies pure
observed carefully :
On them my heart is set, and them
I love exceedingly.
- 168 Thy testimonies and thy laws
I kept with special care :
For all my works and ways each one
before thee open are.

T A U. *The 22d Part.*

In this last section he closeth all the former sweet meditations, and comfortable expressions concerning his faith, love, and the fruits thereof, with *five* petitions. The *first* *vers.* 169. The *second* is, *vers.* 170. And then he strengthens his hope in these two prayers, by a promise of fullness for any measure of a gracious answer, *vers.* 172. The *third* petition is, *vers.* 173. 174. The *fourth* is, *vers.* 175. The *fifth* and *last* is, *vers.* 176.

- 169 O let my earnest pray'r and cry
come near before thee, Lord :
Give understanding unto me
according to thy word.
- 170 Let my request before thee come :
after thy word me free.
- 171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou
hast taught thy laws to me.

My tongue of thy most bleſſed word,
ſhall ſpeak, and it confeſs :

Becauſe all thy commandements
are perfect righteousneſs.

Let thy ſtrong hand make help to me :
thy precepts are my choice.

I long'd for thy ſalvation, Lord :
and in thy law rejoice.

O let my ſoul live, and it ſhall
give praiſes unto thee :

And let thy judgments gracious
be helpful unto me.

I like a loſt ſheep went aſtray,
thy ſervant ſeek, and find :

For thy commands I ſuffer'd not
to ſlip out of my mind.

P S A L M CXX.

A ſong of degrees.

Scope of this psalm is, by the experience of the Psalmist, teach and comfort ſuch as ſhall be traduced, and falſely ſlandered. His exerciſe and deliverance is ſet down generally, *verſ. 1.* And then in the reſt of the psalm, he puts up his petition to be ſaved from the bloody rage of the calumniator, *verſ. 2.* ; and then denounceth God's judgment againſt him, *verſ. 3. 4.* ; and cloſeth with lamentation, *verſ. 5. 6. 7.*

IN my diſtreſs to God I cry'd,
and he gave ear to me.

- 2 From lying lips, and guileful tongue,
O Lord, my soul set free.
- 3 What shall be giv'n thee? or what shall
be done to thee, false tongue?
- 4 Ev'n burning coals of juniper,
sharp arrows of the strong.
- 5 Wo's me, that I in Mesech am
a sojourner so long,
That I in tabernacles dwell
to Kedar that belong.
- 6 My soul with him that hateth peace
hath long a dweller been.
- 7 I am for peace: but when I speak,
for battle they are keen.

P S A L M CXXI.

A song of degrees.

The scope of this psalm is to shew, that howsoever we
wedy to seek help any where else, rather than in
yet no help is to be had, except from God. Perfect
and full delivery is to be had in him undoubtedly, as
Psalmist's experience and example of faith doth testifie
wherein the Psalmist leaving all other confidences be-
God, betaketh him to God almighty only, *vers.* 1. 2.
from his own experience, giveth encouragement to
God's people to place their confidence in God alone
six promises, in the *six verses* following, to the end of
psalm.

- 1 **I** To the hills will lift mine eyes,
from whence doth come mine aid.

Thy safety cometh from the Lord,
 who heav'n and earth hath made.
 Thy foot he'll not let slide: nor will
 he slumber that thee keeps.
 Behold, he that keeps Israel,
 he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thee keeps: the Lord thy shade
 on thy right hand doth stay.
 The moon by night thee shall not smite;
 nor yet the sun by day.
 The Lord shall keep thy soul: he shall
 preserve thee from all ill.
 Henceforth thy going out and in
 God keep for ever will.

P S A L M CXXII.

A song of degrees of David.

The ark of God had for a long time moved from place to place; at length the Lord revealed unto David the place whereof Moses had spoken, to be Sion where the ark should rest; and there David set up the ark, having revealed unto the people the oracle: whereupon the people did heartily embrace the will of God and came to that place appointed for public worship, and did invite one another to go up to worship. In this psalm we have, *first*, David's joy for the people's willingness to assemble unto the Lord's house, *vers.* 1. 2. In the *next* place, he praises Jerusalem, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. In the *third* place, he exhorteth all to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, representing the universal church; and setteth some reasons to set them forward on the duty, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. 9.

- 1 **I** Joy'd, when, To the house of God
go up, they said to me.
- 2 Jerusalem, within thy gates
our feet shall standing be.
- 3 Jerus'lem as a city is
compactly built together :
- 4 Unto that place the tribes go up,
the tribes of God go thither ;
- To Isr'el's testimony, there
to God's name thanks to pay.
- 5 For thrones of judgment, ev'n the throne
of David's house, there stay.
- 6 Pray that Jerusalem may have
peace and felicity :
- Let them that love thee, and thy peace,
have still prosperity.
- 7 Therefore I wish that peace may still
within thy walls remain,
And ever may thy palaces
prosperity retain.
- 8 Now, for my friends and brethrens sake,
Peace be in thee, I'll say.
- 9 And for the house of God our Lord,
I'll seek thy good alway.

P S A L M CXXIII.

A song of degrees.

The scope of this psalm is to teach the Lord's people,

to carry themselves when they are oppressed by the tyranny of their proud adversaries, and are destitute of all help under heaven. Wherein the Psalmist maketh his address to God, in patience, humility, and hope, *vers.* 1. 2. And prayeth for comfort under, and relief from the contempt of the proud adversaries, *vers.* 3. 4.

O Thou that dwellest in the heav'ns,
I lift mine eyes to thee.

Behold, as servants eyes do look
their masters hand to see,

As handmaid's eyes her mistress hand :
so do our eyes attend

Upon the Lord our God, until
to us he mercy send.

O Lord, be gracious to us,
unto us gracious be :

Because replenish'd with contempt
exceedingly are we.

Our soul is fill'd with scorn of those
that at their ease abide,

And with the insolent contempt
of those that swell in pride.

P S A L M CXXIV.

A song of degrees of David.

The scope of this psalm is, *first*, to acknowledge the delivery of the church to be evidently the Lord's own work, the danger being so great out of which they were lately delivered, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.; and, *next*, to bless the Lord for their preservation, *vers.* 6. 7. 8.

- 1 **H**AD not the Lord been on our side,
 may Israel now say :
- 2 Had not the Lord been on our side,
 when men rose us to slay :
- 3 They had us swallow'd quick, when as
 their wrath 'gainst us did flame :
- 4 Waters had cover'd us, our soul
 had sunk beneath the stream.
- 5 Then had the waters, swelling high,
 over our soul made way.
- 6 Bless'd be the Lord, who to their teeth
 us gave not for a prey.
- 7 Our soul's escaped as a bird
 out of the fowler's snare ;
 The snare afunder broken is,
 and we escaped are.
- 8 Our sure and all-sufficient help
 is in JEHOVAH's name,
 His name who did the heav'n create,
 and who the earth did frame.

P S A L M CXXV.

A song of degrees.

The scope of this psalm is to confirm the faith of the believer, persecuted and oppressed by the wicked, that he may hold out walking in the straight way of God's obedience. And to this end the Psalmist useth *four* arguments. The *first* is from the stability of the believer's felicity, *vers* 1. 2. The *second* is from the short time of his trouble
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which he shall suffer by persecutors, *vers.* 3. The *third* is from the goodness which God will manifest toward him, set down in the Psalmist's prayer, *vers.* 4. The *fourth* is from the Lord's judgments upon backsliding hypocrites, who make shift for themselves to be freed from trouble by unlawful means, *vers.* 5.

They in the Lord that firmly trust,
 shall be like Zion hill,
 Which at no time can be remov'd,
 but standeth ever still.

As round about Jerusalem
 the mountains stand alway,
 The Lord his folk doth compass so,
 from henceforth and for ay.

For ill mens rod upon the lot
 of just men shall not lie :
 Lest righteous men stretch forth their hands
 unto iniquity.

Do thou to all those that be good
 thy goodness, Lord, impart;
 And do thou good to those that are
 upright within their heart.

But as for such as turn aside
 after their crooked way,
 God shall lead forth with wicked men :
 on Isr'el peace shall stay.

P S A L M CXXVI.

A song of degrees.

This is the church's song of thanksgiving for her deliverance from the captivity of Babylon. Wherein, *first*, the greatness of the mercy is set down, *vers.* 1. 2. 3.; *then*, a prayer to God for enlarging of the benefit, by making many to embrace the offer of delivery, *vers.* 4.; *thirdly*, an encouraging consolation to such as had returned or should return from Babylon to their own land, *vers.* 5. 6.

- 1 **W**HEN Zion's bondage God turn'd back,
As men that dream'd were we.
- 2 Then fill'd with laughter was our mouth,
Our tongue with melody:
They 'mong the heathen said, The Lord
Great things for them hath wrought.
- 3 The Lord hath done great things for us:
Whence joy to us is brought.
- 4 As streams of water in the south,
Our bondage, Lord, recall.
- 5 Who sow in tears, a reaping time
Of joy enjoy they shall.
- 6 That man who bearing precious seed,
In going forth doth mourn,
He doubtless, bringing back his sheaves,
Rejoicing shall return.

P S A L M CXXVII.

A song of degrees for Solomon.

The scope of the psalm is to shew, *first*, that the defence of our persons, and success in our affairs, do depend upon God's blessing upon the means used, *vers.* 1. 2. : *next*, to shew that multitude of children, is God's blessing also, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. The psalm is intitled for Solomon, who was to build the house of God, and to enlarge the kingdom of Israel.

EXCEPT the Lord do build the house,
the builders lose their pain :

Except the Lord the city keep,
the watchmen watch in vain.

'Tis vain for you to rise betimes,
or late from rest to keep,

To feed on sorrow's bread : so gives
he his beloved sleep.

Lo, children are God's heritage :
the womb's fruit his reward.

'The sons of youth as arrows are,
for strong mens hands prepar'd.

O happy is the man that hath
his quiver fill'd with those :

They, unashamed, in the gate
shall speak unto their foes.

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P S A L M CXXVIII.

A song of degrees.

The scope of this psalm is to shew the blessedness of the that feareth God: which doth appear, *first*, in the poral blessing of him in his calling, *vers.* 1. 2.; *second* in his family, *vers.* 3. 4.; *thirdly*, in pouring spiritual blessings upon him, *vers.* 5. 6.

- 1 **B**less'd is each one that fears the Lord
and walketh in his ways.
- 2 For of thy labour thou shalt eat:
and happy be always.
- 3 Thy wife shall, as a fruitful vine,
by thy house-sides be found:
Thy children like to olive-plants;
about thy table round.
- 4 Behold, the man that fears the Lord,
thus blessed shall he be.
- 5 The Lord shall out of Zion give
his blessing unto thee:
Thou shalt Jerus'lem's good behold
whilst thou on earth dost dwell.
- 6 Thou shalt thy childrens children see,
and peace on Israel.

P S A L M CXXIX.

A song of degrees.

The scope of this psalm is to confirm the faith of God's people
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gainst persecution. The parts thereof are *two*. The *former* is, praise to God for delivering many times his church from the oppression of persecutors, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. The *other* hath a propheticall curse against the enemies of the church, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8.

OF T did they vex me from my youth,
may Isr'el now declare :

Oft did they vex me from my youth :
yet not victorious were.

The plowers plow'd upon my back :
they long their furrows drew.

The righteous Lord did cut the cords
of the ungodly crew.

Let Zion's haters all be turn'd
back with confusion.

As grass on houses tops be they,
which fades ere it be grown :

Whereof enough to fill his hand
the mower cannot find ;

Nor can the man his bosom fill,
whole work is sheaves to bind.

Neither say they who do go by,
God's blessing on you rest :

Ye, in the name of God the Lord,
do wish you to be blest.

P S A L M CXXX.

A song of degrees.

This psalm containeth the exercise of the Psalmist, wrestling under

under the sense of sin, with fearful temptations, which like to overcome him. Wherein he prayeth for relief, 1. 2. opposeth God's mercy to his justice, *vers.* 3. 4. waiteth for comfort, *vers.* 5. 6. Then he bringeth the use which he maketh of the relief and comfort God gave unto him, by encouraging the church to trust God's mercy, because he will deliver his people from trouble and sin, *vers.* 7. 8.

- 1 **L**ORD, from the depths to thee I cry
 2 My voice, Lord, do thou hear
 Unto my supplications voice
 give an attentive ear.
- 3 Lord; who shall stand, if thou, O Lord,
 shouldst mark iniquity?
- 4 But yet with thee forgiveness is;
 that fear'd thou mayest be.
- 5 I wait for God, my soul doth wait,
 my hope is in his word.
- 6 More than they that for morning watch,
 my soul waits for the Lord:
 I say, more than they that do watch
 the morning-light to see.
- 7 Let Israel hope in the Lord:
 for with him mercies be,
 And plenteous redemption
 is ever found with him.
- 8 And from all his iniquities
 he Isr'el shall redeem.

P S A L M CXXXI.

A song of degrees of David.

This psalm the Prophet minding to teach the godly to humble before God, how ever matters go with them, doth propound his own example, *vers.* 1. 2. that so the believer may persevere in hope, *vers.* 3. He proveth his humility by the lowliness of his heart, sobriety of carriage, and keeping himself within his vocation, *vers.* 1. and by the submission of his will unto God's dispensation, *vers.* 2. The use and profit whereof, as he had found in his own experience, so he recommendeth the following of his example unto all God's people, as the way to be constant in their hope, *vers.* 3.

MY heart not haughty is, O Lord,
mine eyes not lofty be :

For do I deal in matters great,
or things too high for me.

I surely have myself behav'd
with quiet sp'rit and mild,
as child of mother wean'd : my soul
is like a weaned child.

Upon the Lord let all the hope
of Israel rely,
Ev'n from the time that present is
unto eternity.

P S A L M CXXXII.

A song of degrees.

This psalm the church is taught to pray, according to the covenant

covenant made with David, representing Christ, *first*, the maintenance of true religion, to *vers.* 10. ; *next*, the continuing of the kingdom in his race, and preservation of the church of Israel; and so of the kingdom church of Christ figured by it. In the *first* petition prayeth for the Lord's affectionate and effectual remembrance of David, and of the sufferings undergone by David, for maintaining his covenant with God, *vers.* 1. *Then* calleth to mind the care which David had in setting of the place of God's worship, *vers.* 2. 3. 4. 5. *Thirdly* He sheweth how, after the Lord's departing from Shiloh his ark was found in Kirjath-jearim, and thence brought up to the city of David, *vers.* 6. *Fourthly*, The church professeth her willingness and purpose to worship the Lord now ascended unto mount Zion, *vers.* 7. 8. And, *fifthly* he prayeth for holiness of doctrine in the Lord's ministers and joy to the godly in obeying them, *vers.* 9. In *next* petition, *first*, the church prayeth, for the covenant sake made with David, that the Lord would not withdraw his countenance from his offspring, *vers.* 10. *Then*, strengthen their faith in the petition, they repeat the covenant of God made with David, as we have it, *Psal.* lxxxv. concerning his offspring, and mainly concerning Christ, *vers.* 11. 12. *Then* they pray concerning the temple and city of Jerusalem, representing the universal church, *vers.* 13. 14. and concerning his ministry, *vers.* 15. 16. and concerning the increase of Christ's kingdom, and for confusion of his enemies, *vers.* 17. 18. ; for we must not conceive this prayer delivered to the church for the use of ages, to have the full accomplishment, except Christ and his church and kingdom be mainly comprehended and aimed at in it.

- 1 **D**avid, and his afflictions all,
Lord, do thou think upon :
- 2 How unto God he sware, and vow'd
to Jacob's mighty One.
- 3 I will not come within my house,
nor rest in bed at all :

Nor shall mine eyes take any sleep,
nor eye-lids slumber shall,

Till for the Lord a place a I find,
where he may make abode ;

A place of habitation
for Jacob's mighty God.

Lo, at the place of Ephratah
of it we understood :

And we did find it in the fields,
and city of the wood.

We'll go into his tabernacles,
and at his footstool bow.

Arise, O Lord, into thy rest :
th' ark of thy strength, and thou.

O let thy priests be clothed, Lord,
with truth and righteousness :

And let all those that are thy saints
shout loud for joyfulness.

For thine own servant David's sake,
do not deny thy grace,

Nor of thine own anointed One
turn thou away the face.

The Lord in truth to David swarc,
he will not turn from it,

I of thy body's fruit will make
upon thy throne to sit.

My cov'nant if thy sons will keep,
and laws to them made known ;

Their children then shall also sit
for ever on thy throne.

13 For God of Zion hath made choice :
there he desires to dwell.

14 This is my rest : here still I'll stay,
for I do like it well.

15 Her food I'll greatly bless : her poor
with bread will satisfy.

16 Her priests I'll clothe with health : her saints
shall shout forth joyfully.

17 And there will I make David's horn
to bud forth pleasantly :
For him that mine anointed is
a lamp ordain'd have I.

18 As with a garment I will clothe
with shame his en'mies all :
But yet the crown that he doth wear,
upon him flourish shall.

P S A L M CXXXIII.

A song of degrees of David.

This psalm doth fit the condition of God's people, in David's time, when after their civil wars they were brought to an happy unity in religion, and civil government. This sort of concord and communion of saints is here commended to the church as both pleasant and profitable. The goodness of it is spoken of, *vers.* 1. the pleasantness of it, *vers.* 2. the profitableness of it, *vers.* 3.

BEhold, how good a thing it is,
and how becoming well,
Together such as brethren are
in unity to dwell.

Like precious ointment on the head,
that down the beard did flow,
Ev'n Aaron's beard, and to the skirts
did of his garments go.

As Hermon's dew, the dew that doth
on Zion hills descend ;
For there the blessing God commands,
life that shall never end.

P S A L M CXXXIV.

A song of degrees.

this short psalm, the Spirit of the Lord, by the mouth of the Psalmist, exhorteth the Lord's ministers to go about the exercise of their public ministry, in praying, preaching, and praising God, *vers.* 1. 2. and blessing the congregation met together, *vers.* 3.

BEhold, bless ye the Lord, all ye
that his attendants are,
Ev'n you that in God's temple be,
and praise him nightly there.
Your hands within God's holy place
lift up ; and praise his name.
From Zion hill the Lord thee bless,
that heav'n and earth did frame.

The scope of this psalm is to set forth the praises of Lord; wherein there is an earnest exhortation of all church, and of all the Lord's ministers, to praise God, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. whereunto are added *seven* motives or reasons, *vers.* 3. to *vers.* 12. In the *next* place, the Psalmist telleth his speech towards the Lord, and praiseth him; giveth two reasons more for the praising of God, *vers.* 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. In the *third* place, more especially exhorteth the ministers, and every particular member of the church to praise God, and so closeth with blessing of

- 1 **P**raise ye the Lord, the Lord's name praise
his servants, praise ye God.
- 2 Who stand in God's house, in the courts
of our God make abode.
- 3 Praise ye the Lord, for he is good,
unto him praises sing:
Sing praises to his name, because
it is a pleasant thing.
- 4 For Jacob to himself the Lord
did chuse of his good pleasure,
And he hath chosen Israel
for his peculiar treasure.
- 5 Because I know assuredly
the Lord is very great,
And that our Lord above all gods
in glory hath his seat.
- 6 What thing soever pleas'd the Lord,
that in the heav'n did he,
And in the earth, the seas, and all
the places deep that be.

He from the ends of earth doth make
the vapours to ascend,
With rain he lightnings makes : and wind
doth from his treasures send.

Egypt's first-born from man to beast
who smote. Strange tokens he
On Pharaoh and his servants sent,
Egypt, in midst of thee.

He smote great nations, slew great kings :
Sihon of Heshbon king,
And Og of Bashan, and to nought
did Canaan's kingdoms bring :

And for a wealthy heritage
their pleasant land he gave,
An heritage which Israel
his chosen folk should have.

Thy name, O Lord, shall still endure,
and thy memorial
With honour shall continu'd be
to generations all.

For why, the righteous God will judge
his people righteously,
Concerning those that do him serve
himself repent will he.

The idols of the nations
of silver are and gold,
And by the hands of men is made
their fashion and mold.

- 16 Mouths have they, but they do not speak
eyes, but they do not see.
- 17 Ears have they, but hear not; and in
their mouths no breathing be.
- 18 Their makers are like them: so are
all that on them rely.
- 19 O Isr'el's house, blefs God: blefs God,
O Aaron's family.
- 20 O blefs the Lord, of Levi's house
ye who his servants are;
And blefs the holy name of God,
all ye the Lord that fear.
- 21 And blessed be the Lord our God
from Zion's holy hill,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.
The Lord, O praise ye still.

P S A L M CXXXVI.

This psalm is an exhortation to confess God's goodness and mercy, and to praise and thank him for the manifest thereof, in so many sundry works of his; upon this ground because the fountain of his mercy, whence his works flow, doth run still, and endure for ever, to the benefit of his own people in special. The reasons of the exhortation unto thanks and praise, are set down in order many in number as the *verses* are; unto every one which is added one common reason, from the everlasting continuance of his mercy. In the *first* place, the exhortation is *thrice* propounded, with reasons taken from the Lord's tributes or names, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. In the *second* reasons are given from his works, and in special from his work of creation, *vers.* 4. to *vers.* 9. In the *third*

reasons are given from the work of redemption of Israel, and bringing them forth out of Egypt, and planting them in Canaan, from *vers.* 10. to *vers.* 23. In the *fourth* place, reasons of thanks are given, from his late mercy to the church in the Psalmist's time, *vers.* 23. 24. And *last* of all, a reason is given from his goodness to all living creatures, *vers.* 25. Whereupon he closeth with an exhortation unto thanksgiving to the God of heaven, *vers.* 26.

- 1 **G**ive thanks to God, for good is he :
for mercy hath he ever.
- 2 Thanks to the God of gods give ye :
for his grace faileth never.
- 3 Thanks give the Lord of lords unto :
for mercy hath he ever.
- 4 Who only wonders great can do :
for his grace faileth never.
- 5 Who by his wisdom made heav'ns high :
for mercy hath he ever.
- 6 Who stretch'd the earth above the sea :
for his grace faileth never.
- 7 To him that made the great lights shine :
for mercy hath he ever.
- 8 The sun to rule till day decline :
for his grace faileth never.
- 9 The moon and stars to rule by night :
for mercy hath he ever.
- 10 Who Egypt's first-born kill'd outright :
for his grace faileth never.
- 11 And Isr'el brought from Egypt land :
for mercy hath he ever.
- 12 With

- 12 With stretch'd out arm, and with strong hand
for his grace faileth never.
- 13 By whom the Red sea parted was :
for mercy hath he ever.
- 14 And through its midst made Isr'el pass :
for his grace faileth never.
- 15 But Pharaoh and his host did drown :
for mercy hath he ever.
- 16 Who through the desert led his own :
for his grace faileth never.
- 17 To him great kings who overthrew :
for he hath mercy ever.
- 18 Yea, famous kings in battle slew :
for his grace faileth never.
- 19 Ev'n Sihon king of Amorites :
for he hath mercy ever.
- 20 And Og the king of Bashanites :
for his grace faileth never.
- 21 Their land in heritage to have :
(for mercy hath he ever.)
- 22 His servant Isr'el right he gave :
for his grace faileth never.
- 23 In our low state who on us thought :
for he hath mercy ever.
- 24 And from our foes our freedom wrought :
for his grace faileth never.
- 25 Who doth all flesh with food relieve :
for he hath mercy ever.

5 Thanks to the God of heaven give :
for his grace faileth never.

P S A L M CXXXVII.

This psalm may be divided into *three* parts. In the *first* is set down the lamentable condition wherein the Lord's people were in their captivity in Babylon, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. In the *next*, is their constancy in religion, *vers.* 4. 5. 6. In the *third*, is their denouncing of judgment by way of imprecation against the instruments and chief authors of their calamity, *vers.* 7. 8. 9.

BY Babel's streams we sat and wept,
when Zion we thought on.

In midst thereof we hang'd our harps
the willow-trees upon.

For there a song required they
who did us captive bring ;

Our spoilers call'd for mirth, and said,
A song of Zion sing.

O how the Lord's song shall we sing
within a foreign land ?

If thee, Jerus'lem, I forget,
skil part from my right hand.

My tongue to my mouth's roof let cleave,
if I do thee forget,

Jerusalem, and thee above
my chief joy do not set.

Remember Edom's children, Lord,
who in Jerus'lem's day,

Ev'n unto its foundation
Raze, raze it quite, did say.

8 O daughter thou of Babylon,
near to destruction,
Bless'd shall he be that thee rewards,
as thou to us hast done.

9 Yea, happy surely shall he be,
thy tender little ones,
Who shall lay hold upon, and them
shall dash against the stones.

P S A L M CXXXVIII.

A psalm of David.

This psalm is David's thanksgiving unto God, and praise of him for the experience he had of his love and faithfulness. The promise of praise or thanksgiving, is set down *vers. 1.* and *five* reasons are subjoined in the *verses* following, which are closed with a prayer in the end of psalm.

1 **T**hee will I praise with all my heart,
I will sing praise to thee
2 Before the gods : And worship will
toward thy sanctuary ;
I'll praise thy name, ev'n for thy truth,
and kindness of thy love :
For thou thy word hast magnify'd
all thy great name above.

3 Thou didst me answer in the day
when I to thee did cry :

And thou my fainting soul with strength
didst strengthen inwardly.

All kings upon the earth that are,
shall give thee praise, O Lord,
When as they from thy mouth shall hear
thy true and faithful word.

Yea, in the righteous ways of God
with gladness they shall sing:

For great's the glory of the Lord,
who doth for ever reign.

Though God be high, yet he respects
all those that lowly be;

Whereas the proud and lofty ones
afar off knoweth he.

Though I in midst of trouble walk,
I life from thee shall have;

Gainst my foes wrath thou'lt stretch thine hand,
thy right hand shall me save.

Surely, that which concerneth me,
the Lord will perfect make:

Lord, still thy mercy lasts: do not
thine own hands works forsake.

P S A L M CXXXIX.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

David being wickedly slandered and persecuted by his adversaries, findeth his zeal kindled against them; and lest his own heart's corruption should deceive him, as being
eternal

carnal in this matter, he presenteth his heart unto God the all-seeing and every-where present judge of the secret of all hearts; and he presenteth also his adversaries, by persons and cause, with his own carriage toward them, to be tried by God, praying that himself may be directed toward life everlasting.

In the *first* place, the omniscience of God is declared, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. In the *next*, the omnipresence of God with his omniscience, is set forth, *vers.* 7. 8. 9. 10. 12. In the *third* place, the reason is given of God's exact knowledge of all the secrets of his heart, because the Lord did form and fashion him, in so wonderfully wise and powerful a way, as he could neither express nor comprehend, *vers.* 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. In the *fourth* place he confesseth to God his judgment of wicked men, and hatred of their ways; making God, who is the searcher of hearts, witness and judge of his sincerity, corrector and director of his course toward everlasting life, *vers.* 19. 21. 22. 23. 24.

- 1 **O** Lord, thou hast me search'd, and knowest
 2 Thou know'st my sitting down
 And rising up; yea, all my thoughts
 afar to thee are known.
- 3 My footsteps, and my lying down,
 thou compassedst always;
 Thou also most entirely art
 acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 For in my tongue, before I speak,
 not any word can be,
 But altogether, lo, O Lord,
 it is well known to thee.
- 5 Behind, before, thou hast beset,
 and laid on me thine hand.
- 6 Such knowledge is too strange for me;
 too high to understand.

From thy sp'rit whither shall I go?
or from thy presence fly?

Ascend I heav'n, lo, thou art there;
there, if in hell I lie.

Take I the morning's wings, and dwell
in utmost parts of sea:

Ev'n there, Lord, shall thy hand me lead,
thy right hand hold shall me.

If I do say, that darkness shall
me cover from thy sight:

Then surely shall the very night
about me be as light.

Yea, darkness hideth not from thee;
but night doth shine as day:

To thee the darkness and the light
are both alike alway.

For thou possessedst hast my reins:
and thou hast cover'd me,

When I within my mother's womb
inclosed was by thee.

Thee will I praise, for fearfully
and strangely made I am;

Thy works are marv'ous, and right well
my soul doth know the same.

My substance was not hid from thee,
when as in secret I

was made; and in earth's lowest parts
was wrought most curiously.

- 16 Thine eyes my substance did behold
 yet being unperfect,
 And in the volume of thy book
 my members all were writ,
 Which after in continuance
 were fashion'd ev'ry one,
 When as they yet all shapeless were,
 and of them there was none.
- 17 How precious also are thy thoughts,
 O gracious God, to me!
 And in their sum how passing great
 and numberless they be!
- 18 If I should count them, than the sand
 they more in number be:
 What time soever I awake,
 I ever am with thee.
- 19 Thou, Lord, wilt sure the wicked slay:
 hence from me, bloody men.
- 20 Thy foes against thee loudly speak,
 and take thy name in vain.
- 21 Do not I hate all those, O Lord,
 that hatred bear to thee?
 With those that up against thee rise
 can I but grieved be?
- 22 With perfect hatred them I hate:
 my foes I them do hold.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart,
 try me, my thoughts unfold.

And see if any wicked way
there be at all in me,
And in thine everlasting way
to me a leader be.

P S A L M CXL.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

David being pursued for his life, and loaded with false calumnies of wicked men, prayeth, *first*, for deliverance from them, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. ; *secondly*, prayeth against them, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. 11. ; *thirdly*, declareth the Lord's gracious answer, *vers.* 12. 13.

LORD, from the ill and froward man
give me deliverance :

And do thou safe preserve me from
the man of violence.

Who in their heart mischievous things
are meditating ever ;

And they for war assembled are
continually together.

Much like unto a serpent's tongue
their tongues they sharp do make :

And underneath their lips there lies
the poison of a snake.

Lord, keep me from the wicked's hands,
from violent men me save,

Who, utterly to overthrow
my goings, purpos'd have.

- 5 The proud for me a snare have hid,
and cords, yea, they a net
Have by the way-side for me spread:
they grins for me have set.
- 6 I said unto the Lord, Thou art
my God : unto the cry
Of all my supplications,
Lord, do thine ear apply.
- 7 O God the Lord, who art the strength
of my salvation ;
▲ cov'ring in the day of war
my head thou hast put on.
- 8 Unto the wicked man, O Lord,
his wishes do not grant,
Nor further thou his ill device,
lest they themselves should vaunt.
- 9 As for the head and chief of those
about that compass me,
Ev'n by the mischief of their lips
let thou them cover'd be.
- 10 Let burning coals upon them fall,
them throw in fiery flame ; -
And in deep pits, that they no more
may rise out of the same.
- 11 Let not an evil speaker be
on earth established :
Mischief shall hunt the vi'lent man
till he be ruined.

I know God will th' afflicted's cause
 maintain, and poor mens right.
 Surely the just shall praise thy name,
 th' upright dwell in thy sight.

P S A L M CXLI.

A psalm of David.

The Psalmist being in distress by the malicious persecution of his adversaries, prayeth for relief, and for a holy carriage under his trouble, till his own full delivery, and till his enemies destruction should come. The petitions are seven. The *first* is general, for acceptation of his person, and granting of his prayer, *vers.* 1. 2. The *next* is, for direction of his speeches, *vers.* 3. The *third* is, for guiding of his heart and actions, *vers.* 4. The *fourth* is, for the benefit of the fellowship of the saints, by their wholesome counsel and admonition, *vers.* 5.; with the reasons thereof, *vers.* 6. 7. The *fifth* is, for the comfort of spiritual communion with God, *vers.* 8. The *sixth* is, for preservation from the plots of the enemies, *vers.* 9. The *seventh* is, for the overthrow of his enemies, *vers.* 10.

O Lord, I unto thee do cry,
 do thou make haste to me;
 And give an ear unto my voice,
 when I cry unto thee.

As incense let my prayer be
 directed in thine eyes;
 And the uplifting of my hands
 as th' ev'ning sacrifice.

Set, Lord, a watch before my mouth,
 keep of my lips the door.

- 4 My heart incline thou not unto
the ill I should abhor,
To practise wicked works with men
that work iniquity :
And with their delicates my taste
let me not satisfy.
- 5 Let him that righteous is me smite,
it shall a kindness be ;
Let him reprove, I shall it count
a precious oil to me :
Such smiting shall not break my head ;
for yet the time shall fall,
When I in their calamities
to God pray for them shall.
- 6 When as their judges down shall be
in stony places cast,
'Then shall they hear my words, for they
shall sweet be to their taste.
- 7 About the grave's devouring mouth
our bones are scatter'd round,
As wood, which men do cut and cleave,
lies scatter'd on the ground.
- 8 But unto thee, O God the Lord,
mine eyes uplifted be :
My soul do not leave desitute,
my trust is set on thee.
- 9 Lord, keep me safely from the snares
which they for me prepare,

And from the subtil grins of them
that wicked workers are.

Let workers of iniquity
into their own nets fall,
Whilst I do by thine help escape
the danger of them all.

P S A L M CXLII.

of David; a prayer when he was in
the cave.

This psalm doth shew what was David's exercise, when he was in the cave of one of the mountains of En-gedi, (1 Sam. xiv.) flying from Saul. Wherein he, *first*, setteth down his betaking of himself to prayer in general, *vers.* 1. 2.; *secondly*, the traits wherein he was for the time, *vers.* 3. 4.; *thirdly*, what was the special petitions of his prayer, with the reasons thereof, *vers.* 5. 6. 7.

I With my voice cry'd to the Lord :
with it made my request.
Pour'd out to him my plaint ; to him
my trouble I exprest.
When in me was o'erwhelm'd my sp'rit,
then well thou knew'st my way :
Where I did walk, a snare for me
they privily did lay.
I look'd on my right hand, and view'd,
but none to know me were ;
All refuge failed me ; no man
did for my soul take care.

- 5 I cry'd to thee, I said, Thou art
my refuge, Lord, alone,
And in the land of those that live
thou art my portion.
- 6 Because I am brought very low,
attend unto my cry :
Me from my persecutors save,
who stronger are than I.
- 7 From prison bring my soul, that I
thy name may glorify :
The just shall compass me, when thou
with me deal'st bounteously.

P S A L M CXLIII.

A psalm of David.

David being in great trouble of mind, for the long continuance of his persecution by his enemies, and also under some exercise of conscience, through the sense of his sin prayeth in this psalm for deliverance in general, from *the twofold* trouble, *vers.* 1. 2. And he giveth *two* reasons of his prayer: the *first* is taken from the miserable condition wherein the violence and oppression of the enemy had driven him, *vers.* 3. 4.; the other is from his careful use of the means for finding grace, *vers.* 5. 6. Then he presents his prayer in *nine* more special petitions, in the rest of the psalm.

- 1 **L**ord, hear my pray'r, attend my suits :
and in thy faithfulness
Give thou an answer unto me,
and in thy righteoulness.

Thy servant also bring thou not
in judgment to be try'd :
Because no living man can be
in thy sight justify'd.

For th' en'my hath pursu'd my soul,
my life to ground down tread :
In darkness he hath made me dwell,
as who have long been dead.
My sp'rit is therefore overwhelm'd
in me perplexedly :
Within me is my very heart
amazed wondrously.

I call to mind the days of old,
to meditate I use
On all thy works : upon the deeds
I of thy hands do muse.
My hands to thee I stretch : my soul
thirsts, as dry land, for thee.
Haste, Lord, to hear, my spirit fails :
hide not thy face from me,

Lest like to them I do become
that go down to the dust.
At morn let me thy kindness hear,
for in thee do I trust :
Teach me the way that I should walk,
I lift my soul to thee.
Lord, free me from my foes : I flee
to thee to cover me.

- 10 Because thou art my God, to do thy will do me instruct :
Thy sp'rit is good, me to the land of uprightnes conduct.
- 11 Revive and quicken me, O Lord, ev'n for thine own name's sake :
And do thou, for thy righteousness, my soul from trouble take.
- 12 And of thy mercy slay my foes, let all destroyed be
That do afflict my soul : for I a servant am to thee.

P S A L M CXLIV.

A psalm of David.

David being now king, but yet not fully settled on his throne in this psalm giveth thanks to God for the work already wrought, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. ; and prayeth for completing the deliverance, and settling of him in his kingdom, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. 8. ; and, in hope to be heard, promiseth praise to God, *vers.* 9. 10. And in the *last* place, repeateth his petition, with reasons taken from the benefit which should redound unto the Lord's people, by settling of him in his kingdom, *vers.* 11. 12. 13. 14.

1 **O** Blessed ever be the Lord,
who is my strength and might,
Who doth instruct my hands to war,
my fingers teach to fight.

- 2 My goodness, fortress, my high tow'r,
 deliverer, and shield,
 In whom I trust : who under me
 my people makes to yield.
- 3 Lord, what is man, that thou of him
 dost so much knowledge take ?
 Or son of man, that thou of him
 so great account dost make ?
- 4 Man is like vanity : his days
 as shadows pass away. (thou
- 5 Lord, bow thy heav'ns, come down : touch
 the hills, and smoke shall they.
- 6 Cast forth thy lightnings, scatter them :
 thine arrows shoot, them rout.
- 7 Thine hand send from above, me save,
 from great depths draw me out ;
 And from the hand of children strange :
- 8 Whose mouth speaks vanity ;
 And their right hand is a right hand
 that works deceitfully.
- 9 A new song I to thee will sing,
 Lord, on a psaltery :
 I on a ten-string'd instrument
 will praises sing to thee.
- 10 Ev'n he it is, that unto kings
 salvation doth send :
 Who his own servant David doth
 from hurtful sword defend.

- 11 O free me from strange childrens hands ;
 whose mouth speaks vanity,
 And their right hand a right hand is
 that works deceitfully.
- 12 That as the plants our sons may be
 in youth grown up that are ;
 Our daughters like to corner-stones,
 carv'd like a palace fair :
- 13 That, to afford all kind of store,
 our garners may be fill'd ;
 That our sheep thousands, in our streets
 ten thousands they may yield :
- 14 That strong our oxen be for work ;
 that no inbreaking be,
 Nor going out ; and that our streets
 may from complaints be free.
- 15 Those people blessed are, who be
 in such a case as this :
 Yea, blessed all those people are,
 whose God **J E H O V A H** is.

P S A L M CXLV.

David's *psalm* of praise.

This psalm is altogether of praises, every verse beginning with a several letter of the Hebrew alphabet, from the first to the last ; wherein David engageth himself unto the work of praising of God twice. In the former part of the psalm *once*, *vers.* 1. 2. ; and of this he giveth a reason, and prophesieth that the praise of the Lord shall be perpetuate throughout

throughout all ages, *vers.* 3. 4. Then he engageth himself the *second* time, and propheties of the church's holding up this song, *vers.* 5. 6. 7. And from the *eighth verse*, he praiseth God more particularly, giving ten arguments of praise, unto the *last verse*; and closeth the psalm with the engaging of himself anew again, and exhortation of others, to follow the song for ever.

I'LL thee extol, my God, O King,
I'll bless thy name always.

Thee will I bless each day, and will
thy name for ever praise.

Great is the Lord, much to be prais'd;
his greatness search exceeds.

Race unto race shall praise thy works,
and show thy mighty deeds.

I of thy glorious majesty
the honour will record,

I'll speak of all thy mighty works,
which wondrous are, O Lord.

Men of thine acts the might shall show,
thine acts that dreadful are:

And I, thy glory to advance,
thy greatness will declare.

The mem'ry of thy goodness great
they largely shall express,

With songs of praise they shall extol
thy perfect righteousness.

The Lord is very gracious,
in him compassions flow;

In mercy he is very great,
and is to anger slow.

9 The Lord JEHOVAH unto all
his goodnes doth declare :
And over all his other works
his tender mercies are.

10 Thee all thy works shall praise, O Lord,
and thee thy saints shall blefs.

11 They shall thy kingdom's glory show,
thy pow'rs by speech exprefs.

12 To make the sons of men to know
his acts done mightily,
And of his kingdom th' excellent
and glorious majesty.

13 Thy kingdom shall for ever stand,
thy reign through ages all.

14 God raiseth all that are bow'd down,
upholdeth all that fall.

15 The eyes of all things wait on thee,
the giver of all good,
And thou in time convenient
bestows on them their food.

16 Thine hand thou open'st lib'rally,
and of thy bounty gives
Enough to satisfy the need
of ev'ry thing that lives.

17 The Lord is just in all his ways,
holy in his works all.

- 8 God's near to all that call on him,
in truth that on him call.
- 9 He will accomplish the desire
of those that do him fear :
He also will deliver them,
and he their cry will hear.
- 10 The Lord preserves all who him love,
that nought can them annoy :
But he all those that wicked are
will utterly destroy.
- 11 My mouth the praises of the Lord
to publish cease shall never :
Let all flesh bless his holy name
for ever and for ever.

P S A L M CXLVI.

This psalm is a psalm of praise wholly; whercin, when the Psalmist hath exhorted all men to praise the Lord, he engageth himself to the work, *vers.* 1. 2. Then he teacheth the way how to praise God in effect, *to wit*, by renouncing all carnal confidence, and trusting only in the Lord, *vers.* 3. 4. 5. *Thirdly*, He giveth *ten* reasons, both of trusting in God, and praising of God. The *first* and *second* reasons are, *vers.* 6. The *third*, *fourth*, and *fifth*, are, *vers.* 7. The *sixth*, *seventh*, and *eighth*, are, *vers.* 8. The *ninth* is, *vers.* 9. The *tenth* is, *vers.* 10. And closeth as he began, with the same exhortation to praise God.

Praise God. The Lord praise, O my soul.
2 I'll praise God while I live :
While I have being, to my God
in songs I'll praises give.

- 3 Trust not in princes, nor man's son,
in whom there is no stay.
- 4 His breath departs, to's earth he turns :
that day his thoughts decay.
- 5 O happy is that man, and blest'd,
whom Jacob's God doth aid,
Whose hope upon the Lord doth rest,
and on his God is staid :
- 6 Who made the earth, and heavens high,
who made the swelling deep,
And all that is within the same :
who truth doth ever keep :
- 7 Who righteous judgment executes
for those oppress'd that be,
Who to the hungry giveth food :
God sets the pris'ners free.
- 8 The Lord doth give the blind their sight :
the bowed-down doth raise :
The Lord doth dearly love all those
that walk in upright ways.
- 9 The stranger's shield, the widow's stay,
the orphan's help is he :
But yet by him the wicked's way
turn'd upside down shall be.
- 10 The Lord shall reign for evermore,
thy God, O Zion, he
Reigns to all generations.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

P S A L M CXLVII.

This psalm is for stirring up of the church to praise and thanksgiving. The exhortation is *threefold*. The *first* is, *vers.* 1.; and *six* reasons for it, or motives unto it, are set down, *vers.* 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. The *second* exhortation is, *vers.* 7.; and *three* reasons for it, *vers.* 8. 9. 10. 11. The *third* is, *vers.* 12.; and *six* reasons for it, unto the end.

- P**raise ye the Lord : for it is good
 praise to our God to sing ;
 For it is pleasant, and to praise
 it is a comely thing.
- God doth build up Jerusalem :
 and he it is alone
 That the dispers'd of Israel
 doth gather into one.
- Those that are broken in their hearts,
 and grieved in their minds,
 He healeth, and their painful wounds
 he tenderly up binds.
- He counts the number of the stars :
 he names them ev'ry one.
- Great is our Lord, and of great pow'r :
 his wisdom search can none.
- The Lord lifts up the meek, and casts
 the wicked to the ground.
- Sing to the Lord, and give him thanks :
 on harp his praises sound :
- Who covereth the heav'n with clouds,
 who for the earth below

Prepareth rain, who maketh grass
upon the mountains grow.

- 9 He gives the beast his food, he feeds
the ravens young that cry.
- 10 His pleasure not in horse's strength,
nor in man's legs, doth lie.
- 11 But in all those that do him fear
the Lord doth pleasure take,
In those that to his mercy do
by hope themselves betake.
- 12 The Lord praise, O Jerusalem :
Zion, thy God confess.
- 13 For thy gates bars he maketh strong :
thy sons in thee doth bless.
- 14 He in thy borders maketh peace,
with fine wheat filleth thee.
- 15 He sends forth his command on earth :
his word runs speedily.
- 16 Hear frost, like ashes, scatt'reth he :
like wool he snow doth give.
- 17 Like morsels casteth forth his ice :
who in its cold can live ?
- 18 He sendeth forth his mighty word,
and melteth them again :
His wind he makes to blow, and then
the waters flow amain.
- 19 The doctrine of his holy word
to Jacob he doth show,

His statutes and his judgments he
gives Israel to know.

To any nation never he
such favour did afford :

For they his judgments have not known.

O do ye praise the Lord.

P S A L M CXLVIII.

this psalm the church is stirred up to praise God, because, of the incomparable excellency of his glory and majesty; appearing, *first*, in the heavens above, *vers.* 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. ; *secondly*, in the earth and sea beneath, and lower parts under the heaven, *vers.* 7. 8. 9. 10. ; *thirdly*, in the governing of men, and of all sorts and ranks of men, but especially in doing for his church, *vers.* 11. 12. 13. 14. In all which, as he sheweth how the world is full of God's glory, so he pointeth at matter of his praise, whithersoever we turn our eyes.

PRaise God. From heavens praise the Lord :
in heights praise to him be.

All ye his angels, praise ye him :
his hosts all, praise him ye.

O praise ye him, both sun and moon :
praise him, all stars of light.

Ye heav'ns of heav'ns, him praise, and floods
above the heavens height.

Let all the creatures praise the name
of our almighty Lord :

For he commanded, and they were
created by his word.

- 6 He also, for all times to come,
hath them establish'd sure :
He hath appointed them a law,
which ever shall endure.
- 7 Praise ye JEHOVAH from the earth,
dragons, and every deep.
- 8 Fire, hail, snow, vapour, stormy wind,
his word that fully keep.
- 9 All hills and mountains, fruitful trees,
and all ye cedars high.
- 10 Beasts and all cattle, creeping things,
and all ye birds that fly.
- 11 Kings of the earth, all nations ;
princes, earth's judges all.
- 12 Both young men, yea, and maidens too,
old men, and children small.
- 13 Let them God's name praise : for his name
alone is excellent,
His glory reacheth far above
the earth and firmament.
- 14 His people's horn, the praise of all
his saints, exalteth he ;
Ev'n Isr'el's seed, a people near
to him. The Lord praise ye.

P S A L M CXLIX.

This psalm is a *ninefold* exhortation of the true members
the church, who are believers and saints in effect, to praise

God for saving grace bestowed on them, and for special privileges granted unto them; not only above what is given to the world, but also above what is given to the visible members of the church, who are not as yet converted. The *first* and *second* exhortations are, *vers.* 1. The *third* and *fourth* are, *vers.* 2. The *fifth* and *sixth* are, *vers.* 3.; and then he giveth *two* reasons of these exhortations, *vers.* 4. The *seventh*, *eighth*, and *ninth* exhortations to praise God, are, *vers.* 5. 6. And then, by way of motive unto the obedience of the former exhortations to rejoice in God, and glorify him, he subjoineth a special use of the praises of God, set down in scripture in relation to enemies, and persecutors of the saints, over whom all believers have a spiritual victory by faith in God, so that, as the Lord's officers, they may pronounce doom and sentences condemnatory against all their enemies great and small, according as the scripture giveth them warrant. And this doom and sentence of judgment pronounced by the believer, whether in his own mind or vocally, as occasion offereth, must have execution undoubtedly following upon it, according to what is written in the scripture; and this is no small honour allowed upon the saints, *vers.* 6. 7. 8. 9.

PRaise ye the Lord: unto him sing
 a new song, and his praise
 In the assembly of his saints
 in sweet psalms do ye raise.
 Let Isr'el in his maker joy,
 and to him praises sing:
 Let all that Zion's children are,
 be joyful in their King.
 O let them unto his great name
 give praises in the dance:
 Let them with timbrel and with harp
 in songs his praise advance.

- 4 For God doth pleasure take in those
that his own people be :
And he with his salvation
the meek will beautify.
- 5 And in his glory excellent
let all his saints rejoice :
Let them to him upon their beds
aloud lift up their voice.
- 6 Let in their mouth aloft be rais'd
the high praise of the Lord,
And let them have in their right hand
a sharp two-edged sword ;
- 7 To execute the vengeance due
upon the heathen all,
And make deserved punishment
upon the people fall ;
- 8 And ev'n with chains, as pris'ners, bind
their kings that them command,
Yes, and with iron fetters strong,
the nobles of their land ;
- 9 On them the judgment to perform
found written in his word :
This honour is to all his saints.
O do ye praise the Lord.

P S A L M CL.

In this psalm the Spirit of the Lord doth call upon us *th*
ree times to praise the Lord. Each exhortation points
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with God to be the only object of praise. The *first* and *the last* exhortation is to all, to praise God absolutely, without giving any motive more than his very name importeth; which indeed is a sufficient reason: for seeing the Lord is God, who hath his being of himself, and all the creatures have their being of him and dependence on him, followeth of necessity, that he is praise-worthy in himself, and deserveth to be praised by all his creatures. The *second, third, fourth, and fifth* exhortations, have reasons and motives annexed unto them, as the matter of his praise, *vers. 1. 2.* The *sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh*, do teach the manner of his praise, under the terms of the *Levitical service, vers. 3. 4. 5.* And the *twelfth* importeth at the persons or special party, which must yield the praise unto God, with a reason insinuated, moving thereunto, *vers. 6.*

○ Raise ye the Lord. God's praise within his sanctuary raise:

And to him in the firmament of his pow'r give ye praise.

Because of all his mighty acts, with praise him magnify:

○ praise him, as he doth excel in glorious majesty.

Praise him with trumpet's sound: his praise with psaltery advance.

With timbrel, harp, string'd instruments, and organs, in the dance.

Praise him on cymbals loud: him praise on cymbals sounding high.

Let each thing breathing praise the Lord. Praise to the Lord give ye.

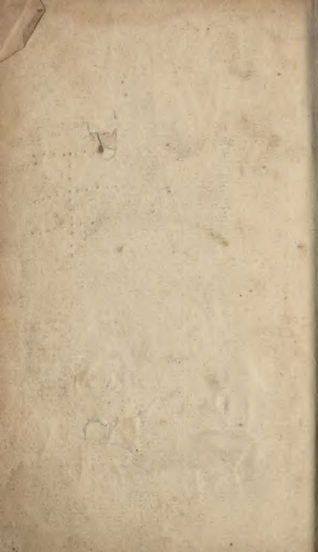
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197. 5. *for mouth, read mouths.*
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