

## Sonnet 55: So oft as I

Monday, March 17, 1594

Morning Prayer: Psa 86-88; Jud 5; Joh 5

Evening Prayer: Psa 89; Jud 6; 1Ti 1

### *Morning Prayer: Psalms 86-88*

P S A L. L X X X V I.

*¶ A prayer of Dauid.*

**I**Ncline thine eare, ô Lord, *and* heare me: for I am poore and  
Inedie.

2 Preserue thou my soule, for I am merciful: my God, saue thou  
thy seruant, that trusteth in thee.

3 Be merciful vnto me, ô Lord: for I crye vpon thee continually.

4 Reioyce the soule of thy seruant: for vnto thee, ô Lord, do I lift  
vp my soule.

5 For thou, Lord, art good and merciful, & of great kindenes vnto  
all them, that call vpon thee.

6 Giue eare, Lord, vnto my prayer, & hearken to the voyce of my  
supplication.

7 In the daye of my trouble I wil call vpon thee: for thou hearest  
me.

8 Among the gods there is none like thee, ô Lord, and there is  
none *that can do* like thy workes.

9 All nations, whome thou hast made, shal come and worship  
before thee, ô Lord, and shal glorifie thy Name.

10 For thou art great and doest wonderous things: thou art God  
alone.

11 Teache me thy waie, ô Lord, *and* I wil walke in thy trueth: knit  
mine heart vnto thee, that I maie feare thy Name.

12 I wil prayse thee, ô Lord my God, with all mine heart: yea, I wil glorifie thy Name for euer.

13 For great is thy mercie towarde me, and thou hast deliuered my soule from the lowest graue.

14 O God, the proude are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men haue sought my soule, and haue not set thee before them.

15 But thou, ô Lord, art a pitiful God and merciful, slowe to angre and great in kindenes and trueth.

16 Turne vnto me, and haue mercie vpon me: giue thy strength vnto thy seruant, & saue the sonne of thine handmaid.

17 Shewe a token of *thy* goodnes towarde me, that they which hate me, maie se it, & be ashamed, because thou, ô Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

#### P S A L. L X X X V I I.

¶ *A Psalme or song committed to the sonnes of Korah.*

**G**od laied his foundations among the holie mountaines.  
2 The Lord loueth the gates of Zion aboue all the habitacions of Iaakob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, ô Citie of God. Selah.

4 I wil make mention of Rahab and Babel among them that knowe me: beholde Palestina & Tyrus with Ethiopia, There is he borne.

5 And of Zion it shalbe said, Manie are borne in her: and he, *euen* the most High shal stablish her.

6 The Lord shal count, when he writeth the people, He was borne there. Selah.

7 Aswel the singers as the plaiers on instruments *shal praise thee:* all my springs *are* in thee.

P S A L. L X X X V I I I.

¶ *A song or Psalme of Heman the Ezrahite to giue instruction, committed to the sonnes of Korah for him that excelleth vpon Malath Leannoth.*

**O** Lord God of my saluacion, I crye day *and* night before thee.  
2 Let my prayer enter into thy presence: incline thine eare vnto my crye.

3 For my soule is filled with euils, and my life draweth nere to the graue.

4 I am counted among them that go downe vnto the pit, *and* am as a man without strength:

5 Fre among the dead, like the slaine lying in the graue, whome thou remembrest no more, and they are cut off from thine hand.

6 Thou hast laied me in the lowest pit, in darkenes, & in the depe.

7 Thine indignation lieth vpon me, and thou hast vexed me with all thy waues. Selah.

8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance farre from me, & made me to be abhorred of them: I am shut vp, and can not get forthe.

9 Mine eye is sorowful through mine affliction: Lord, I call daiely vpon thee: I stretche out mine hands vnto thee.

10 Wilt thou shewe a miracle to the dead? or shal the dead rise & praise thee? Selah.

11 Shal thy louing kindenes be declared in the graue? *or* thy faithfulnes in destruction?

12 Shall thy wonderous workes be knowen in the darke? and thy righteousnes in the land of obliuion?

13 But vnto thee haue I cryed, ô Lord, and early shal my praier come before thee.

14 Lord, why doest thou reiect my soule, & hidest thy face from me?

- 15 I am afflicted and at the point of death: from *my* youth I suffer thy terrours, doubting *of my life*.
- 16 Thine indignations go ouer me, & thy feare hathe cut me off.
- 17 They came round about me daiely like water, & compassed me together.
- 18 My louers and friends hast thou put away from me, *and* mine acquaintance hid them selues.

### ***Morning Prayer: 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Judges 5***

#### C H A P. V.

**T**hen sang Deborah, and Barak the sonne of Abinoam the same day, saying,

- 2 Praise ye the Lord for the auenging of Israel, & for the people that offred them selues willingly.
- 3 Heare, ye Kings, hearken ye princes: I, *euen* I wil sing vnto the Lord: I wil sing praise vnto the Lord God of Israel.
- 4 Lord, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou departedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, & the heauens rained, the cloudes also dropped water.
- 5 The mountaines melted before the Lord, *as did* that Sinai before the Lord God of Israel.
- 6 In the dayes of Shamgar the sonne of Anath, in the dayes of Iael the hye wayes were vnoccupied, and the trauelers walked through bywayes.
- 7 The townes were not inhabited: they decayed, *I say*, in Israel, vntil I Deborah came vp, which rose vp a mother in Israel.
- 8 They chose newe gods: then *was* warre in the gates. Was there a shilde or speare sene among fourtie thousand of Israel?
- 9 Mine heart *is set* on the gouerners of Israel, & on them that are willing among the people: praise ye the Lord.

10 Speake ye that ride on white asses, yee that dwel by Middin,  
and that walke by the waye.

11 For the noyse of the archers *appaised* among the drawers of  
water: there shal thei rehearse the righteousnes of the Lord, his  
righteousnes of his townes in Israel: then did the people of the  
Lord go downe to the gates.

12 Vp Deborah, vp, arise, & sing a song: arise Barak, & lead thy  
captiuitie captiue, thou sonne of Abinoam.

13 For they that remaine, haue dominion ouer the mightie of the  
people: the Lord hathe giuen me dominion ouer the strong.

14 Of Ephraim their roote *arose* against Amalek: & after thee,  
Ben-iamin *shal fight* against thy people, *o Amalek*: of Machir came  
rulers, and of Zebulun they that handle the penne of the writer.

15 And the Princes of Issachar were with Deborah, & Issachar,  
and also Barak: he was set on his fete in the valley: for the  
diuisions of Reuben were great thoghtes of heart.

16 Why abodest thou among the shepefoldes, to heare the  
bleatings of the flockes? for the diuisions of Reuben *were* great  
thoghtes of heart.

17 Gilead abode beyonde Iorden: & why doeth Dan remaine in  
shippes? Asher sate on the seashore, and taried in his decayed  
places.

18 *But* the people of Zebulun and Naphtali haue icoparde their  
liues vnto the death in the hie places of the field.

19 The Kings came & fought: then fought the Kings of Canaan in  
Taanach by the waters of Megiddo: they receiued no gaine of  
money.

20 They fought from heauen, *euen* the starres in their courses  
fought against Sisera.

21 The riuier Kishon swepe them away, that ancient riuier the riuier  
Kishon. ô my soule, thou hast marched valiantly.

22 Then were the horsehoufes broken with the oft beating together of their mightie *men*.

23 Curse ye Meroz: (said the Angel of the Lord) curse the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to helpe the Lord, to helpe the Lord against the mightie.

24 Iael the wife of Heber the Kenite shal be blessed aboue *other* women: blessed shal she be aboue women *dwelling* in tents.

25 He asked water, & she gaue him milke: she broght forthe butter in a lordly dish.

26 She put her hand to the naile, & her right hand to the workemans hammer: with the hammer smote she Sisera: she smote of his head, after she had wounded, & pearsed his temples.

27 He bowed him downe at her feete, he fel downe, & lay stil: at her fete he bowed him downe, and fel: and when he had sonke downe, he lay there dead.

28 The mother of Sisera loked out at a windowe, and cryed through the lattesse, Why is his charet so long a comming? why tary the wheles of his charets?

29 Her wise ladyes answered her, Yea. She answered her selfe with her owne wordes,

30 Haue they not gotten, & they deuide the spoyle? euerie man hath a maide or two. Sisera hath a praye of diuers couloured *garments*, a pray of sondry coulours made of nedle worke: of diuers coulours of nedle wo ke on both sides, for the chief of the spoyle.

31 So let all thine enemies perish, ô Lord: but they that loue him, shal be as the sunne when he riseth in his might. and the land had rest fortie yeres.

## ***Morning Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: John 5***

### C H A P. V.

**A**fter that, there was a feast of the Iewes, & Iesus went vp to Ierusalem.

2 And there is at Hierusalem by the place of the shepe, a poole called in Ebrewe Bethesda, hauing fiue porches:

3 In the which lay a great multitude of sicke folke, of blinde, halte, & withered, waiting for the mouing of the water.

4 For an Angel went downe at a certeine season into the poole, and troubled the water: whosoouer then first, after the stirring of the water, stepped in, was made whole of whatsoeuer disease he had.

5 And a certeine man was there, which had bene diseased eight and thirtie yeres.

6 When Iesus sawe him lie, and knewe that he now long time had bene diseased, he said vnto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The sicke man answered him, Sir, I haue no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the poole: but while I am coming, another steppeth downe before me.

8 Iesus said vnto him, Rise: take vp thy bed, and walke.

9 And immediatly the man was made whole, and toke vp his bed, and walked: & the same day was the Sabbath.

10 The Iewes therefore said to him that was made whole, It is the Sabbath *day*: it is not lawfull for thee to carie thy bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, he said vnto me, Take vp thy bed, and walke.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said vnto thee, Take vp thy bed and walke?

13 And he that was healed, knewe not who it was: for Iesus had conueyed him self away from the multitude that was in that place.

14 And after that, Iesus founde him in the Temple, and said vnto him, Beholde, thou art made whole: sinne no more, lest a worse thing come vnto thee.

15 ¶ The man departed and tolde the Iewes that it was Iesus, which had made him whole.

16 And therefore the Iewes did persecute Iesus, & sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the Sabbath *day*.

17 But Iesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I worke.

18 Therefore the Iewes sought the more to kil him: not onely because he had broken the Sabbath: but said also that God was his Father, and made himself equal with God.

19 Then answered Iesus, & said vnto them, Verely, verely I say vnto you, The Sonne can doe nothing of him self, saue that he seeth the Father do: for whatsoever things he doth, the same things doeth the Sonne also.

20 For the Father loueth the Sonne, & sheweth him all things, whatsoever he him self doeth, and he wil shewe him greater workes then these, that ye shulde marueile.

21 For likewise as the Father raiseth vp the dead, & quickeneth them, so the Sonne quickeneth whome he wil.

22 For the Father iudgeth no man, but hathe committed all iudgement vnto the Sonne,

23 Because that all men shulde honour the Sonne, as they honour the Father: he that honoreth not the Sonne, the same honoreth not the Father, which hathe sent him.

24 Verely, verely I say vnto you, he that heareth my worde, & beleueth in him that sent me, hathe euerlasting life, & shall not come into condemnacion, but hathe passed from death vnto life.



25 Verely, verely I say vnto you, the houre shal come, and now is, when the dead shal heare the voyce of the Sonne of God: and they that heare it, shal liue.

26 For as the Father hathe life in him self, so likewise hath he giuen to the Sonne to haue life in him self,

27 And hathe giuen him power also to execute iudgement, in that he is the Sonne of man.

28 Marueile not at this: for the houre shal come in the which all that are in the graues, shal heare his voyce.

29 And they shal come forthe, that haue done good, vnto the resurrection of life: but they that haue done euil, vnto the resurrection of condemnacion.

30 I can do nothing of mine owne selfe: as I heare, I iudge: and my iudgement is iust, because I seke not mine owne wil, but the wil of the Father who hathe sent me.

31 If I shulde beare witnes of my self, my witnes were not true.

32 There is another that beareth witnes of me, and I knowe that the witnes, which he beareth of me, is true.

33 Ye sent vnto Iohn, and he bare witnes vnto the trueth.

34 But I receiue not the recorde of man: neuertheles these things I say, that ye might be saued.

35 He was a burning, and a shining candle: and ye wolde for a season haue reioyced in his light.

36 But I haue greater witnes then the witnessse of Iohn: for the workes which the Father hathe giuen me to finish, the same workes that I do, beare witnes of me, that the Father sent me.

37 And the Father him self, which hathe sent me, beareth witnes of me. Ye haue not heard his voyce at anie time, nether haue ye sene his shape.

38 And his worde haue you not abiding in you: for whome he hathe sent, him ye beleue not.

39 Searche the Scriptures: for in them ye thinke to haue eternal life, & thei are thei which testifie of me.

40 But ye wil not come to me, that ye might haue life.

41 I receiue not the praise of men.

42 But I knowe you, that ye haue not the loue of God in you.

43 I am come in my Fathers Name, and ye receiue me not: if another shal come in his owne name, him wil ye receiue.

44 How can ye beleue, which receiue honour one of another, and seke not the honour that cometh of God alone!

45 Do not thinke that I wil accuse you to my Father: there is one that accuseth you, *euen* Moses, in whome ye trust.

46 For had ye beleued Moses, ye wolde haue beleued me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye beleue not his writings, how shal ye beleue my wordes!

### ***Evening Prayer: Psalm 89***

P S A L. L X X X I X.

¶ A Psalme *to giue instruction, of Ethan the Ezrahite.*

**I** Wil sing the mercies of the Lord for euer: with my mouth wil I declare thy trueth from generacion to generacion.

2 For I said, Mercie shalbe set vp for euer: thy trueth shalt thou stablish in the very heauens.

3 I haue made a couenant with my chosen: I haue sworne to Daud my seruant,

4 Thy sede will I stablish for euer, and set vp thy throne from generacion to generacion. Selah.

5 O Lord, euen the heauens shal praise thy wonderous worke: yea, thy trueth in the Congregation of the Saints.

- 6 For who is equall to the Lord in the heauen! & *who* is like the Lord among the sonnes of the gods!
- 7 God is verie terrible in the assemblie of the Saints, and to be reuerenced aboue all, *that are* about him.
- 8 O Lord God of hostes, who is like vnto thee, *which* art a mightie Lord, and thy trueth *is* about thee!
- 9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waues thereof arise, thou stillest them.
- 10 Thou hast beaten downe Rahab as a man slaine: thou hast scatered thine enemies with thy mightie arme.
- 11 The heauens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou hast laied the fundacion of the worlde, and all that therein is.
- 12 Thou hast created the North and the South: Tabor and Hermon shal reioice in thy Name.
- 13 Thou hast a mightie arme: strong is thine hand, & high is thy right hand.
- 14 Righteousnes & equitie *are* the stablishment of thy throne: mercie ad trueth goe before thy face.
- 15 Blessed *is* the people, that can reioyce *in thee*: they shal walke in the light of thy countenance, ô Lord.
- 16 They shall reioyce continually in thy Name, and in thy righteousnes shall they exalt them selues.
- 17 For thou art the glorie of their strength, and by thy fauour our hornes shalbe exalted.
- 18 For our shield *apperteineth* to the Lord, and our King to the Holie one of Israel.
- 19 Thou spakest then in a vision vnto thine Holie one, and saidest, I haue laied helpe vpon one that is mightie: I haue exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I haue founde Daud my seruant: with mine holie oyle haue I anointed him.

21 Therefore mine hande shalbe established with him, and mine arme shall strengthen him.

22 The enemye shal not oppresse him, nether shal the wicked hurt him.

23 But I wil destroye his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 My trueth also and my mercie *shalbe* with him, and in my Name shal his horne be exalted.

25 I wil set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the floods.

26 He shal cry vnto me, Thou art my Father, my God and the rocke of my saluacion.

27 Also I wil make him my first borne, higher then the Kings of the earth.

28 My mercie will I kepe for him for euermore, and my couenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His sede also will I make to endure for euer, and his throne as the dayes of heauen.

30 *But* if his children forsake my Lawe, and walke not in my iudgements:

31 If they breake my statutes, and kepe not my commandements:

32 Then wil I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquitie with strokes.

33 Yet my louing kindnes wil I not take from him, neither wil I falsifie my trueth.

34 My couenant wil I not breake, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lippes.

35 I haue sworne once by mine holines, that I wil not fayle Dauid, *saying*,

36 His sede shal endure for euer, and his throne *shalbe* as the sunne before me.

37 He shall be established for evermore as the moon, & *as* a faithful witness in the heaven. Selah.

38 But thou hast rejected and abhorred, thou hast been angry with thine Anointed.

39 Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant, & profaned his crown, *casting it* on the ground.

40 Thou hast broken down all his walls: thou hast laid his fortresses in ruin.

41 All that go by the way, spoil him: he is a rebuke unto his neighbours.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies, *and* made all his adversaries to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast caused his dignity to decay, and cast his throne to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened, *and* covered him with shame. Selah.

46 Lord, how long wilt thou hide thyself, for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember of what time I am: wherefore shouldst thou create in vain all the children of men?

48 What man liveth, & shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

49 Lord, where are thy former mercies, *which* thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

50 Remember, O Lord, the rebuke of thy servants, which I bear in my bosom of all the mighty people.

51 For thine enemies have reproached *thee*, O Lord, because they have reproached the footsteps of thine Anointed.

52 Praised *be* the Lord for evermore. So be it, even so be it.

***Evening Prayer: 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Judges 6***

C H A P. V I.

**A**fterwarde the children of Israel committed wickednes in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gaue them into the handes of Midian seuen ye es.

2 And the hand of Midian preuailed against Israel, & because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them denses in the mountaines, and caues, and strong holdes.

3 When Israel had sowed, then came vp the Midianites, the Amalekites, and they of the East, and came vpon them,

4 And camped by them, and destroyed the frute of the earth, euen til thou come vnto Azzah, & left no foode for Israel, nether shepe, nor oxe, nor asse.

5 For they went vp, and their cattel, and came with their tentes as greshoppers in multitude: so that they and their camels were without number: and they came into the land to destroye it.

6 So was Israel excedingly impouerished by the Midianites: therefore the children of Israel cryed vnto the Lord.

7 ¶ And when the children of Israel cryed vnto the Lord because of the Midianites,

8 The Lord sent vnto the children of Israel a Prophet, who said vnto them, Thus sayeth the Lord God of Israel, I haue brought you vp from Egypt, & haue broght you out of the house of bondage,

9 And I haue deliuered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and haue cast them out before you, and giuen you their land.

10 And I said vnto you, I am the Lord your God: fea e not the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell: but ye haue not obeyed my voyce.

11 ¶ And the Angel of the Lord came, and sate vnder the oke which was in Ophrah, that pertained vnto Ioash the father of the Ezrites, and his sonne Gideon threshed wheat by the winepresse, to hide it from the Midianites.

12 Then the Angel of the Lord appeared vnto him, and said vnto him, The Lord *is* with thee, thou valiant man.

13 To whome Gideon answered, Ah my Lord, if the Lord be with vs, why then is all this come vpon vs? and where be all his miracles which our fathers tolde vs of, and said, Did not the Lord bring vs out of Egypt? but now the Lord hathe forsaken vs, and deliuered vs into the hand of the Midianites.

14 And the Lord loked vpon him, and said, Go in this thy might, & thou shalt saue Israel out of the hands of the Midianites: haue not I sent thee?

15 And he answered him, Ah my Lord, whereby shal I saue Israel? beholde, my father is poore in Manasseh, and I am the least in my fathers house.

16 Then the Lord said vnto him, I wil therefore be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites, as one man.

17 And he answered him, I pray thee, if I haue founde fauour in thy sight, then shewe me a signe, that thou talkest with me.

18 Departe not hence, I pray thee, vntil I come vnto thee, and bring mine offering, & lay it before thee; he said, I wil tary vntil thou come againe.

19 ¶ Then Gideon went in, & made ready a kid, & vnleauened bread of an Ephah of floure, and put the flesh in a basket, and put the broth in a pot, and broght it out vnto him vnder the oke, and presented it.

20 And the Angel of God said vnto him, Take the flesh and the vnleauened bread, and lay them vpon this stone, and powre out the broth: and he did so.

21 ¶ Then the Angel of the Lord put forth the end of the staffe that he held in his hand, and touched the flesh & the vnleauened bread: and there arose vp fire out of the stone, and consumed the flesh & the vnleauened bread: so the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight.

22 And when Gideon perceiued that it was an Angel of the Lord, Gideon then said, Alas, my Lord God: for because I haue sene an Angel of the Lord face to face, *I shal dye*.

23 And the Lord said vnto him, Peace be vnto thee: feare not, thou shalt not dye.

24 Then Gideon made an altar there vnto the Lord, and called it, Iehouah shalom: vnto this day it is in Ophrah, of the father of the Ezrites.

25 ¶ And the same night the Lord said vnto him, Take thy fathers yong bullocke, & another bullocke of seuen yeres olde, and destroy the altar of Baal that thy father hathe, and cut downe the groue that is by it,

26 And buylde an altar vnto the Lord thy God vpon the top of this rocke, in a plaine place: and take the seconde bullocke, and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the groue, which thou shalt cut downe.

27 Then Gideon toke ten men of his seruants, and did as the Lord bade him: but because he feared to do it by day for his fathers housholde, and the men of the citie, he did it by night.

28 ¶ And when the men of the citie arose early in the morning, beholde, the altar of Baal was broken, and the groue cut downe that was by it, and the seconde bullocke offred vpon the altar that was made.

29 Therefore they said one to another, Who hathe done this thing? & when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the sonne of Ioash hathe done this thing.



30 Then the men of the citie said vnto Ioash, Bring out thy sonne, that he may dye: for he hath destroyed the altar of Baal, & hath also cut downe the groue that was by it.

31 And Ioash said vnto all that stode by him, Wil ye pleade Baals cause? or wil ye saue him? he that wil contend for him, let him dye or the morning. If he be God, let him pleade for him selfe against him that hath cast downe his altar.

32 And in that day was Gideon called Ierubbaal, that is, Let Baal plead for him selfe because he hath broken downe his altar.

33 Then all the Midianites & the Amalekites and they of the East, were gathered together, and went & pitched in the valley of Izreel.

34 But the Spirit of the Lord came vpon Gideon, & he blew a trumpet, & Abiezer was ioyned with him.

35 And he sent messengers through out all Manasseh, which also was ioyned with him, and he sent messengers vnto Asher, and to Zebulun and to Naphtali, and they came vp to mete them.

36 Then Gideon said vnto God, If thou wilt saue Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,

37 Beholde, I wil put a fleece of wolle in the threshing place: if the dewe come on the fleece onely, and it be drye vpon all the earth, then shal I be sure, that thou wilt saue Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.

38 And so it was: for he rose vp early on the morowe, & thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, and filled a bowle of water.

39 Againe, Gideon said vnto God, Be not angry with me, that I may speake once more: let me proue once againe, I pray thee, with the fleece: let it now be drye onely vpon the fleece, and let dewe be vpon all the grounde.

40 And God did so that same night: for it was drye vpon the fleece onely and there was dewe on all the grounde.

## ***Evening Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: 1 Timothy 1***

### C H A P. I.

**P**Avl an Apostle of Iesvs Christ, by the commandement of God  
our Sauour, and of *our* Lord Iesus Christ our hope,

2 Vnto Timotheus *my* natural sonne in the faith: Grace, mercie, &  
peace from God our Father, & *from* Christ Iesus our Lord.

3 As I besoght thee to abide stil in Ephesus, when I departed into  
Macedonia, *so do*, that thou maiest commande some, that thei  
teache none other doctrine,

4 Nether that they giue hede to fables and genealogies *which are*  
endles, which brede questiones rather then godlie edifying which is  
by faith.

5 For the end of the commandement is loue out of a pure heart,  
and of a good conscience, and of faith vnfained.

6 From the which things some haue erred, and haue turned vnto  
vaine iangling.

7 They wolde be doctours of the Law, and yet vnderstand not  
what they speake, nether whereof they affirme.

8 And we knowe, that the Law is good, if a man vse it lawfully,

9 Knowing this, that the Law is not giuen vnto a righteous man,  
but vnto the lawles and disobedient, to the vngodly, and to sinners,  
to the vnholie, and to the prophane, to murtherers of fathers and  
mothers, to manslayers,

10 To whoremongers, to buggerers, to menstealers, to liars, to the  
perieured, & if there be any other thing, that is contrarie to  
wholesome doctrine,

11 *Which is* according to the glorious Gospel of the blessed God,  
which is committed vnto me.

12 Therefore I thanke him, which hathe made me strong, *that is*, Christ Iesus our Lord: for he counted me faithful, and put me in *his* seruice:

13 When before I was a blasphemmer, and a persecuter, and an oppresser: but I was receiued to mercie: for I did it ignorantly through vnbeliefe.

14 But the grace of our Lord was exceding abundant with faith and loue, which is in Christ Iesus.

15 This *is* a true saying, and by all meanes worthie to be receiued, that Christ Iesus came into the worlde to saue sinners, of whome I am chief.

16 Notwithstanding, for this cause was I receiued to mercie, that Iesus Christ shulde first shewe on me all long suffring vnto the ensample of them, which shal in time to come beleue in him vnto eternal life.

17 Now vnto the King euerlasting, immortal, inuisible, vnto God onely wise, *be* honour *and* glorie for euer, and euer, Amen.

18 This commandement commit I vnto thee, sonne Timotheus, according to the prophecies, which went before vpon thee, that thou by them shuldest fight a good fight,

19 Hauing faith and a good conscience, which some haue put away, and as concerning faith, haue made shipwracke.

20 Of whome is Himeneus, and Alexander, whome I haue deliuered vnto Satan, that thei might learne not to blaspheme.

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