

Sonnet 57: Sweet warrior

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Morning Prayer: Psa 95-7; Jud 9; Joh 7

Evening Prayer: Psa 98-101; Jud 10; 1Ti 4

Morning Prayer: Psalms 95-97

P S A L. X C V.

Come, let vs reioyce vnto the Lord: let vs sing aloude vnto the
rocke of our saluacion.

2 Let vs come before his face with praise: let vs sing loude vnto
him with psalmes.

3 For the Lorde *is* a great God, and a great King aboue all gods.

4 In whose hand *are* the depe places of the earth, & the heights of
the mountaines *are* his:

5 To whome the Sea *belongeth*: for he made it, and his hands
formed the drye land.

6 Come, let vs worship and fall downe, & knele before the Lord
our maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, & the
shepe of his hand: to daie, if ye wil heare his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, as in Meribah, & as in the daie of
Massah in the wildernes.

9 Where your fathers tempted me, proued me, thogh thei had sene
my worke.

10 Fourtie yeres haue I contended with *this* generacion, and said,
Thei are a people that erre in heart, for thei haue not knowen my
waies.

11 Wherefore I sware in my wrath, *saying*, Surely they shal not
enter into my rest.

PSAL. XCVI.

Sing vnto the Lord a newe song: sing vnto the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing vnto the Lorde, & praise his Name: declare his saluacion from daie to daie.

3 Declare his glorie among all nations, *and* his wonders among all people.

4 For the Lord *is* great and muche to be praised: he is to be feared aboute all gods.

5 For all the gods of the people *are* idoles: but the Lord made the heauens.

6 Strength & glorie *are* before him: power and beautie *are* in his Sanctuarie.

7 Giue vnto the Lord, ye families of the people: giue vnto the Lord glorie & power.

8 Giue vnto the Lord the glorie of his Name: bring an offering, and entre into his courtes.

9 Worship the Lord in the glorious Sanctuarie: tremble before him all the earth.

10 Saie among the nations, The Lorde reigneth: surely the worlde shalbe stable, *and* not moue, & he shall iudge the people in righteousnes.

11 Let the heauens reioyce, & let the earth be glad: let the sea roare, and all that therein is.

12 Let the field be ioyful, and all that is in it: let all the trees of the wood then reioyce

13 Before the Lord. for he commeth, for he commeth to iudge the earth: he wil iudge the worlde with righteousnes, & the people in his trueth.

P S A L. X C V I I.

THe Lord reigneth: let the earth reioyce: let the multitude of
the yles be glad.

2 Cloudes and darkenes *are* round about him: righteousnes and
iudgement *are* the fundation of his throne.

3 There shal go a fyer before him, and burne vp his enemies
round about.

4 His lightnings gaue light vnto the worlde: the earth sawe it and
was afraid.

5 The mountaines melted like waxe at the presence of the Lord, at
the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heauens declare his righteousnes, and all the people se his
glorie.

7 Confounded be all they that serue grauen images, & that glorie
in idoles: worship him all ye gods.

8 Zion heard of it, and was glad: and the daughters of Iudah
reioyced, because of thy iudgements, ô Lord.

9 For thou, Lord, art moste high aboue all the earth: thou art
muche exalted aboue all gods.

10 Ye that loue the Lord, hate euil: he preserueth the soules of his
Saints: he wil deliuer them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sowen for the righteous, and ioye for the vpright in
heart.

12 Reioyce ye righteous in the Lord, and giue thankes for his
holie remembrance.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Judges 9

C H A P. I X.

THen Abimelech the sonne of Ierubbaal went to Shechem vnto
his mothers brethren, and communed with them, and with all

the familie, *and* house of his mothers father, saying,

2 Say, I pray you, in the audience of all the men of Shechem, whether is better for you, that all the sonnes of Ierubbaal, which are seuentie persons, reigne ouer you, ether that one reigne ouer you? Remember also, that I am your bone, and your flesh.

3 Then his mothers brethren spake of him in the audience of all the men of Shechem, all these wordes: and their hearts were moued to followe Abimelech . for said they, He is our brother.

4 And they gaue him seuentie pieces of siluer out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vaine and light fellowes which followed him.

5 And he went vnto his fathers house at Ophrah, and slewe his brethren, the sonnes of Ierubbaal, *about* seenty persones vpon one stone: yet Iotham the yongest sonne of Ierubbaal was left: for he hid him selfe.

6 ¶ And all the men of Shechem gathered together with all the house of Millo, and came and made Abimelech King in the plaine, where the stone was erected in Shechem.

7 And when they tolde it to Iotham, he went and stode in the top of mount Gerizim, and lift vp his voyce, and cryed, and said vnto them, Hearken vnto mee, you men of Shechem, that God may hearken vnto you.

8 The trees went forthe to anointe a King ouer them, and said vnto the oliue tre, Reigne thou ouer vs.

9 But the oliue tre said vnto them, Shulde I leaue my fatnes, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to auance me aboute the trees?

10 Then the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, *and* be King ouer vs.

11 But the fig tre answered them, Shulde I forsake my swetenes, and my good frute, and go to auance me aboute the trees?

12 Then said the trees vnto the vine, Come thou & be King ouer vs.

13 But the vine said vnto them, Shulde I leaue my wine, whereby I cheare God and man, and go to auance me aboute the trees?

14 Then said all the trees vnto the bramble, Come thou, *and* reigne ouer vs.

15 And the bramble said vnto the trees, If ye wil in dede anoint me King ouer you, come, & put your trust vnder my shadow: and if not, the fire shal come out of the bramble, and consume the cedres of Lebanon.

16 Now therefore, if ye do truely and vncorruptly to make Abimelech King, & if ye haue dealt wel with Ierubbaal & with his house, & haue done vnto him according to the deseruing of his hands,

17 (For my father fought for you, and aduentured his life, & deliuered you out of the hands of Midian.

18 And ye are risen vp against my fathers house this day, and haue slayne his children, *about* seuentie persones vpon one stone, & haue made Abimelech the sonne of his maideseruant, King ouer the men of Shechem, because he is your brother)

19 If ye then haue delt truely and purely with Ierubbaal, and with his house this day, then reioyce ye with Abimelech, and let him reioyce with you.

20 But if not, let a fire come out from Abimelech, and consume the men of Shechem and the house of Millo: also let a fire come forthe from the men of Shechem, & from the house of Millo, and consume Abimelech.

21 And Iotham ranne away, and fled, & went to Beer and dwelt there for feare of Abimelech his brother.

22 So Abimelech reigned thre yere ouer Israel.

23 But God sent an euil spirit betwene Abimelech, and the men of Shechem: and the men of Shechem brake their promes to Abimelech,

24 That the crueltie towarde the seuentie sonnes of Ierubbaal & their blood might come and be laide vpon Abimelech their brother, which had slayne them, and vpon the men of Shechem, which had aided him to kil his brethren.

25 So the men of Shechem set men in waite for him in the tops of the mountaines: who robbed all that passed that way by them: and it was tolde Abimelech.

26 Then Gaal the sonne of Ebed came with his brethren, and thei went to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

27 Therefore thei went out into the field, & gathered in their grapes & troade them, and made mery, and went into the house of their gods, and did eat & drinke, and cursed Abimelech.

28 Then Gaal the sonne of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech? and who is Shechem, that we shulde serue him? Is he not the sonne of Ierubbaal? and Zebul is his officer? Serue rather the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why shulde we serue him?

29 Now wolde God this people were vnder mine hand: then wolde I put away Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine armie, and come out.

30 ¶ And when Zebul the ruler of the citie heard the wordes of Gaal the sonne of Ebed, his wrath was kindled.

31 Therefore he sent messengers vnto Abimelech priuely, saying, Beholde, Gaal the sonne of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem, and beholde, thei fortifie the citie against thee.

32 Now therefore arise by night, thou and the people that is with thee, & lie in wayte in the field.

33 And rise early in the morning as soone as the sunne is vp, and assault the citie: and when he and the people that is with him, shal come out against thee, do to him what thou canst.

34 ¶ So Abimelech rose vp, & all the people that were with him by night: and thei laie in waite against Shechem in foure bandes.

35 Then Gaal the sonne of Ebed went out and stood in the entring of the gate of the citie: and Abimelech rose vp, and the folke that were with him, from liyng in waite.

36 And when Gaal sawe the people, he said to Zebul, Beholde, there come people downe from the tops of the mountaines: and Zebul said vnto him, The shadowe of the mountaines seme men vnto thee.

37 And Gaal spake againe, & said, Se, there come folke downe by the middle of the land, & an other band cometh by the way of the plaine of Meonenim.

38 Then said Zebul vnto him, Where is now thy mouth, that said, Who is Abimelech, that we shulde serue him? Is not this the people that thou hast despised? Go out now, I pray thee, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 But Abimelech pursued him, & he fled before him, and many were ouerthrowen and wounded, euen vnto the entring of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren that thei shulde not dwel in Shechem.

42 ¶ And on the morowe, the people went out into the field: which was tolde Abimelech.

43 And he toke the people, and deuided them into thre bandes, and laid waite in the fields, and loked, & beholde, the people were come out of the citie, & he rose vp against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the bandes that were with him, rushed forwarde, & stode in the entring of the gate of the citie: and the two other bandes ranne vpon all the people that were in the field and slewe them.

45 And when Abimelech had fought against the citie all that day, he toke the citie, and slewe the people that was therein, & destroyed the citie and sowed salt in it.

46 ¶ And when all the men of the towre of Shechem heard it, they entred into an holde of the house of the god Berith.

47 And it was tolde Abimelech, that all the men of the towre of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gate him vp to mounte Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him: and Abimelech toke axes with him, and cut downe boughes of trees, and toke them, and bare them on his shulder, and said vnto the folke that were with him, What ye haue sene me do, make haste, *and* do like me.

49 Then all the people also cut downe euery man his bough, and followed Abimelech, & put them to the holde, and set the holde on fire with them: so all the men of the towre of Shechem dyed also, about a thousand men and women.

50 ¶ Then went Abimelech to Tebez, and besieged Tebez, and toke it.

51 But there was a strong towre within the citie, and thether fled all the men and women, and all the chief of the citie, and shut it to them, and went vp to the top of the towre.

52 And Abimelech came vnto the towre & fought against it, and went hard vnto the dore of the towre to set it on fire.

53 But a certaine woman cast a piece of a milstone vpon Abimelechs head, & brake his braine pan.

54 Then Abimelech called hastely his page that bare his harnes, and said vnto him, Drawe thy sworde & slay me, that men say not

of me, A woman slewe him. And his page thrust him through, and he dyed.

55 And when the men of Israel sawe that Abimelech was dead, thei departed euery man vnto his owne place.

56 Thus God rendred the wickednes of Abimelech, which he did vnto his father, in slaying his seuentie brethren.

57 Also all the wickednes of the men of Shechem did God bring vpon their heades. So vpon them came the curse of Iotham the sonne of Ierubbaal.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: John 7

C H A P. V I I.

After these things, Iesus walked in Galile, and wolde not walke in Iudea: for the Iewes soght to kil him.

2 Now the Iewes feast of the Tabernacles was at hand.

3 His brethren therefore said vnto him, Departe hence, and go into Iudea, that thy disciples may se thy workes that thou doest.

4 For there is no man that doeth anie thing secretely, & he himself seketh to be famous. If thou doest these things, shewe thy self to the worlde.

5 For as yet his brethren beleued not in him.

6 Then Iesus said vnto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always readie.

7 The worlde can not hate you: but me it hateth, because I testifie of it, that the workes thereof are euil.

8 Go ye vp vnto this feast: I wil not go vp yet vnto this feast: for my time is not yet fulfilled.

9 ¶ These things he said vnto them, and abode stil in Galile.

10 But assone as his brethren were gone vp, then went he also vp vnto the feast, not openly, but as *it were* priuelie.

11 Then the Iewes sought him at the feast, & said, Where is he?
12 And much murmuring was there of him among the people.
Some said, He is a good man: other sayd, Naye: but he deceiveth
the people.
13 Howbeit no man spake openly of him for feare of the Iewes.
14 Now when half the feast was done, Iesus went vp into the
Temple and taught.
15 And the Iewes marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man the
Scriptures, seeing that he neuer learned.
16 Iesus answered them, & said, My doctrine is not mine, but his
that sent me.
17 If any man will do his will, he shall knowe of the doctrine,
whether it be of God, or whether I speake of my self.
18 He that speaketh of him self, seeketh his owne glorie: but he
that seeketh his glorie that sent him, the same is true, and no
vnrightheousnes is in him.
19 Did not Moses giue you a Law, and yet none of you keepeth the
Law? Why go ye about to kill me?
20 The people answered, and said, Thou hast a deuil: who goeth
about to kill thee?
21 Iesus answered, and said to them, I haue done one worke, and
ye all marueile.
22 Moses therefore gaue vnto you circumcision, (not because it is
of Moses, but of the fathers) and ye on the Sabbath *day* circumcise
a man.
23 If a man on the Sabbath receiue circumcision, that the Law of
Moses shulde not be broken, be ye angry with me, because I haue
made a man euerie whit whole on the Sabbath *day*?
24 Iudge not according to the appearance, but iudge righteous
iudgement.

25 ¶ Then said some of them of Ierusalem, Is not this he, whome they go about to kil?

26 And beholde, he speaketh openly, and they say nothing to him: do the rulers know in dede that this is the verie Christ?

27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when the Christ cometh, no man shal knowe whence he is.

28 ¶ Then cryed Iesus in the Temple as he taught, saying, Ye bothe knowe mee, and knowe whence I am: yet am I not come of my self, but he that sent me, is true, whome ye knowe not.

29 But I knowe him: for I am of him, and he hathe sent me.

30 Then they soght to take him, but no man laid hands on him, because his houre was not yet come.

31 Now manie of the people beleued in him, and said, When the Christ cometh, will he do mo miracles then this man hathe done?

32 The Pharises heard that the people murmured these things of him, and the Pharises, and high Priests sent officers to take him.

33 Then said Iesus vnto them, Yet am I a litle while with you, and then go I vnto him that sent me.

34 Ye shal seke me, & shal not finde *me*, & where I am, can ye not come.

35 Then said the Iewes amongs them selues, Whither wil he go, that we shal not finde him? Wil he go vnto them that are dispersed among the Grecians, and teache the Grecians?

36 What saying is this that he said, Ye shal seke me, and shal not finde *me*? and where I am, can ye not come?

37 Now in the last & great day of the feast, Iesus stode and cryed, saying, If anie man thirst, let him come vnto me, and drinke.

38 He that beleueth in me, as saith the Scripture, out of his bellie shal flowe riuers of water of life.

39 (This spake he of the Spirit which they that beleued in him, shulde receiue: for the holie Gost was not yet *giuen* because that Iesus was not yet glorified)

40 So manie of the people, when they heard this saying, said, Of a trueth this is the Prophet.

41 Other said, This is the Christ: and some said, But shal Christ come out of Galile?

42 Saith not the Scripture that the Christ shal come of the sede of Daud, and out of the towne of Beth-lehem, where Daud was?

43 So was there dissention among the people for him.

44 And some of them wolde haue taken him, but no man laid hands on him.

45 Then came the officers to the high Priests & Pharises, & they said vnto them, Why haue ye not broght him?

46 The officers answered, Neuer man spake like this man.

47 Then answered them the Pharises, Are ye also deceiued?

48 Doeth anie of the rulers, or of the Pharises beleue in him?

49 But this people, which knowe not the Law, are cursed.

50 Nicodemus said vnto them, (he that came to Iesus by night, & was one of them.)

51 Doeth our Law iudge a man before it heare him, & knowe what he hathe done?

52 They answered and said vnto him, Art thou also of Galile? Search and loke: for out of Galile ariseth no Prophet.

53 And euerie man went vnto his owne house.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 98-101

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

¶ *A Psalme.*

Sing vnto the Lord a new song: for he hath done maruelous things: his right hand, and his holie arme haue gotten him the victorie.

2 The Lord declared his saluation: his righteousnes hathe he reueiled in the sight of the nations.

3 He hathe remembred his mercie and his trueth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth haue sene the saluation of our God.

4 All the earth, sing ye loude vnto the Lord: crye out and reioyce, and sing praises.

5 Sing praise to the Lord vpon the harpe, *euen* vpon the harpe with a singing voice.

6 With shalmes and sounde of trumpets sing loude before the Lord the King.

7 Let the sea roare, and all that therein is, the worlde, and thei that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap their hands, & let the mountaines reioyce together

9 Before the Lord: for he is come to iudge the earth: with righteousnes shal he iudge the worlde, and the people with equitie.

P S A L. X C I X.

THe Lord reigneth, let the people tremble: he sitteth *betwene* the Cherubims, let the earth be moued.

2 The Lord *is* great in Zion, & he is high aboue all the people.

3 Thei shal praise thy great and feareful Name (*for* it is holie)

4 And the Kings power, that loueth iudgement: *for* thou hast prepared equitie: thou hast executed iudgement & iustice in Iaakob.

5 Exalt the Lord our God, and fall downe before his fotestole: *for* he is holie.

6 Moses & Aaron *were* among his Priests, and Samuel among
suche as call vpon his Name: these called vpon the Lord, & he
heard them.

7 He spake vnto them in the cloudie piller: thei kept his
testimonies, & the Lawe *that* he gaue them.

8 Thou heardest them, ô Lorde our God: thou wast a fauourable
God vnto them, thogh thou didest take vengeance for their
inventions.

9 Exalt the Lord our God, and fall downe before his holie
Mountaine: for the Lord our God is holie.

P S A L. C.

A psalme of praise.

Sing ye loude vnto the Lord, all the earth.

2 Serue the Lord with gladnes: come before him with
ioyfulnes.

3 Knowe ye that euen the Lord is God: he hathe made vs, & not
we our selues: we *are* his people, and the shepe of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with praise, & into his courtes with
reioycing: praise him *and* blesse his Name.

5 For the Lord is good: his mercie is euerlasting, and his trueth *is*
from generacion to generacion.

P S A L. C I.

A Psalme of Dauid.

IWil sing mercie and iudgement: vnto thee, ô Lord, wil I sing.

2 I wil do wisely in the perfite waie, til thou comest to me: I
wil walke in the vprightnes of mine heart in the middes of mine
house.

3 I wil set no wicked thing before mine eies: I hate the worke of
them that fall awaie: it shal not cleaue vnto me.

- 4 A froward heart shal depart from me: I wil knowe none euil.
- 5 Him, that priuely sclandereth his neighbour, wil I destroie: him that hathe a proude loke and high heart, I can not *suffer*.
- 6 Mine eies *shalbe* vnto the faithful of the land, that they maie dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfite waie, he shal serue me.
- 7 There shal no deceitful persone dwell within mine house: he that telleth lies, shal not remaine in my sight.
- 8 Betimes wil I destroy all the wicked of the land, that I maie cut of all the workers of iniquitie from the Citie of the Lord.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Judges 10

C H A P. X.

After Abimelech there arose to defend Israel, Tola, the sonne of Puah, the sone of Dodo, a man of Issachar, which dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

- 2 And he iudged Israel thre and twentie yere and dyed, & was buried in Shamir.
- 3 ¶ And after him arose Iair a Gileadite, & iudged Israel two and twentie yere.
- 4 And he had thirtie sonnes that rode on thirty assecolts, and thei had thirty cities, which are called Hauoth-Iair vnto this day, and are in the land of Gilead.
- 5 And Iair dyed, and was buried in Kamon.
- 6 ¶ And the children of Israel wrought wickednes againe in the sight of the Lord, & serued Baalim and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Aram, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistims, and forsoke the Lord and serued not him.

7 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he solde them into the hands of the Philistims, and into the hands of the children of Ammon:

8 Who from that yere vexed and oppressed the children of Israel eightene yeres, *euen* all the children of Israel that were beyonde Iorden, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

9 Moreouer, the children of Ammon went ouer Iorden to fight against Iudah, and against Beniamin, and against the house of Ephraim: so that Israel was sore tormented.

10 Then the children of Israel cryed vnto the Lord, saying, We haue sinned against thee, euen because we haue forsaken our owne God, and haue serued Baalim.

11 And the Lord sayd vnto the children of Israel, *did not I deliuer you* from the Egyptians & from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon & from the Philistims?

12 The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maobites did oppresse you, & ye cryed to me and I saued you out of their hands.

13 Yet ye haue forsaken me, and serued other gods: wherefore I wil deliuer you nomore.

14 Go, and crye vnto the gods which ye haue chosen: let them saue you in the time of your tribulacion.

15 And the children of Israel said vnto the Lord, We haue sinned: do thou vnto vs whatsoeuer please thee: onely we pray thee to deliuer vs this day.

16 Then they put away the strange gods from among them & serued the Lorde . & his soule was grieued for the miserie of Israel.

17 Then the children of Ammon gathered them selues together, & pitched in Gilead: and the children of Israel assembled them selues, and pitched in Mizpeh.

18 And the people *and* princes of Gilead said one to another,
Whosoever will begin the battel against the children of Ammon,
the same shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: 1 Timothy 4

C H A P. I I I I.

Now the Spirit speaketh evidently, that in the latter times
some shall departe from the faith, & shall giue hede vnto
spirits of error, and doctrines of deuils,

2 Which speake lyes through hypocrisie, and haue their
consciences burned with an hote yron,

3 Forbidding to marie, *and commanding* to absteyne from meats
which God hath created to be receiued with giuing thanks of
them which beleue and knowe the trueth.

4 For euerie creature of God *is* good, and nothing *ought* to be
refused, if it be receiued with thankesgiuing.

5 For it is sanctified by the worde of God, and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou
shalt be a good minister of Iesus Christ, which hast bene nourished
vp in the wordes of faith, and of good doctrine, which thou hast
continually followed.

7 But cast away prophane, and olde wiues fables, & exercise thy
self vnto godlines.

8 For bodelie exercise profiteth litle: but godlines is profitable
vnto all things, which hath the promes of the life present, and of
that that is to come.

9 This *is* a true saying, and by all meanes worthie to be receiued.

10 For therefore we labour & are rebuked, because we trust in the
liuing God, which is the Sauour of all men, specially of those that
beleue.

11 These things commande and teache.

12 Let no man despise thy youth, but be vnto them that beleue, an ensample, in worde, in conuersation, in loue, in spirit, in faith, & in purenes.

13 Til I come, giue attendance to reading, to exhortation, & to doctrine.

14 Despise not the gift that is in thee, which was giuen thee by prophecie with the laying on of the hands of the companie of the Eldership.

15 These things exercise, *and* giue thy self vnto them, that it may be sene how thou profitest among all men.

16 Take hede vnto thy self, and vnto learning: continue therein: for in doing this thou shalt bothe saue thy selfe, and them that heare thee.

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