

Sonnet 73: Being my selfe

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Morning Prayer: Psa 24-6; 1Sa 14; Act 2

Evening Prayer: Psa 27-9; 1Sa 15; Heb 7

Morning Prayer: Psalms 24-26

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

¶ *A Psalm of Dauid.*

THe earth *is* the Lords, and all that therein is: the worlde and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it vpon the seas: and established it vpon the floods.

3 Who shall ascende into the mountaine of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holie place?

4 *Euen he that hath* innocent hands, & a pure heart: which hath not lift vp his minde vnto vanitie, nor sworne deceitfully.

5 He shall receiue a blessing from the Lord, & righteousnes from the God of his saluacion.

6 This is the generation of them that seke him, of them that seke thy face, this is Iacob. Selah.

7 Lift vp your heads ye gates, and be ye lift vp ye euerlasting doores, and the King of glorie shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glorie? the Lord, strong and mightie, *euen* the Lord mightie in battel.

9 Lift vp your heads, ye gates, and lift vp *your selues*, ye euerlasting doores, & the King of glorie shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glorie? the Lord of hostes, he is the King of glorie. Selah.

P S A L. X X V.

¶ A Psalm of *Dauid*.

VNto thee, ô Lord, lift I vp my soule.

2 My God, I trust in thee: let me not be confounded: let not mine enemies reioyce ouer mee.

3 So all that hope in thee, shal not be ashamed: *but* let them be confounded, that transgresse without cause.

4 Shew me thy waies, ô Lord, & teache me thy paths.

5 Leade me forthe in thy trueth, and teache me: for thou art the God of my saluacion: in thee doe I trust all the daie.

6 Remember, ô Lord, thy tendre mercies, and thy louing kindnes: for thei haue bene for euer.

7 Remember not the sinnes of my youth, nor my rebellions, *but* according to thy kindenes remember thou me, *euen* for thy goodnes sake, ô Lord.

8 Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore wil he teache sinners in the waie.

9 Them that be meke, will he guide in iudgement, and teache the humble his waie.

10 All the pathes of the Lorde *are* mercie & trueth vnto such as kepe his couenant and his testimonies.

11 For thy Names sake, ô Lord, be merciful vnto mine iniquitie, for it is great.

12 What man is he that feareth the Lord? him wil he teache the waie that he shall chuse.

13 His soule shal dwel at ease, and his sede shal inherite the land.

14 The secrete of the Lorde *is reueiled* to them, that feare him: and his couenant to giue them vnderstanding.

15 Mine eyes *are* euer towarde the Lorde: for he wil bring my fete out of the net.

- 16 Turne thy face vnto me, and haue mercie vpon me: for I am desolate and poore.
- 17 The sorowes of mine heart are enlarged: drawe me out of my troubles.
- 18 Loke vpon mine affliction & my trauel, and forgiue all my sinnes.
- 19 Beholde mine enemies, for thei are many, and they hate me with cruel hatred.
- 20 Kepe my soule, & deliuer me: let me not be confounded, for I trust in thee.
- 21 Let *mine* vprightenes and equitie preserue me: for mine hope is in thee.
- 22 Deliuer Israel, ô God, out of all his troubles.

P S A L. X X V I.

¶ A Psalm of *Dauid*.

- I**Vdge me, ô Lord, for I haue walked in mine innocencie: my trust hathe bene also in the Lord: *therefore* shal I not slide.
- 2 Prove me, O Lord, and try me: examine my reines, and mine heart.
- 3 For thy louing kindenes *is* before mine eyes: therefore haue I walked in thy trueth.
- 4 I haue not hanted with vaine persons, nether kept companie with the dissemblers.
- 5 I haue hated the assemblie of the euil, & have not companied with the wicked.
- 6 I wil wash mine hands in innocencie, ô Lord, and compasse thine altar,
- 7 That I maie declare with the voice of thankesgiuing, and set forthe all thy wonderous workes.

- 8 O Lord, I have loued the habitation of thine house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
- 9 Gather not my soule with the sinners, nor my life with the bloodie men:
- 10 In whose hands *is* wickednes, and their right hand is ful of bribes.
- 11 But I wil walke in mine innocencie: redeem me *therefore*, and be merciful vnto me.
- 12 My fote standeth in vprightnes: I wil praise thee, ô Lord, in the Congregations.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: 1 Samuel 14

C H A P. X I I I I.

Then on a day Ionathan the sonne of Saul said vnto the yong man that bare his armour, Come and let vs go ouer towarde the Philistims garison, that is yonder on the other side, but he tolde not his father.

2 And Saul taryed in the border of Gibeah vnder a pomegranate tre, which was in Migron, and the people that were with him, *were* about six hundreth men.

3 And Ahiah the sonne of Ahitub, Ichabods brother, the sonne of Phinehas, the sonne of Eli, was the Lords Priest in Shiloh, and ware an Ephod: and the people knewe not that Ionathan was gone.

4 ¶ Now in the way whereby Ionathan soght to go ouer to the Philistims garison, there was a sharpe rocke on the one side, and a sharpe rocke on the other side: the name of the one *was* called Bozez, & the name of the other Seneh.

5 The one rocke stretched from the North toward Michmash, & the other *was* from the South toward Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the yong man that bare his armour, Come, and let vs goe ouer vnto the garison of these vncircumcised: it may be that the Lord wil worke with vs: for it is not hard to the Lord to saue with manie, or with fewe.

7 And he that bare his armour, said vnto him, do all that is in thine heart: go where it pleaseth thee: beholde, I am with thee as thine heart desireth.

8 Then said Jonathan, Beholde, we go ouer vnto those men, and wil shewe our selues vnto them.

9 If they say on this wise to vs, Tarie vntill we come to you, then we wil stand stil in our place, and not go vp to them.

10 But if they say, Come vp vnto vs, then we will go vp: for the Lord hathe deliuered them into our hand: and this shalbe a signe vnto vs.

11 So they bothe shewed them selues vnto the garison of the Philistims: and the Philistims said, Se, the Ebrewes come out of the holes wherein they had hid them selues.

12 And the men of the garison answered Jonathan, & his armour bearer, and said, Come vp to vs: for we wil shewe you a thing. Then Jonathan said vnto his armour bearer, Come vp after me: for the Lorde hathe deliuered them into the hand of Israel.

13 So Jonathan went vp vpon his hands and vpon his fete, and his armour bearer after him: and *some* fel before Jonathan, & his armour bearer slewe *others* after him.

14 So the first slaughter which Jonathan and his armour bearer made, was about twentie men within that compasse, as it were within halfe an acre of land which two *oxen plowe*.

15 And there was a feare in the hoste, *and* in the field, and among all the people: the garison also, and they that went out to spoile, were afrayed them selues: and the earth trembled: for it was *stricken* with feare by God.

16 ¶ Then the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin sawe:
and beholde, the multitude was discomfited, and smitten as they
went.

17 Therefore said Saul vnto the people that were with him, Search
now & se, who is gone from vs. And when they had nombred,
beholde, Jonathan and his armour bearer were not there.

18 And Saul said vnto Ahiah, Bring hither the Arke of God (for
the Arke of God was at that time with the children of Israel)

19 ¶ And while Saul talked vnto the Priest, the noise, that was in
the hoste of the Philistims, spred farther abroade, & encreased:
therefore Saul said vnto the Priest, Withdrawe thine hand.

20 And Saul was assembled with all the people that were with
him, and they came to the battel: & beholde, euerie mans sworde
was against his fellowe, *and* there was a very great discomfiture.

21 Moreouer the Ebrewes that were with the Philistims before
time, & were come with them into all partes of the hoste, euen they
also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and
Jonathan.

22 Also all the men of Israel which had hid themselues in mount
Ephraim, when they heard, that the Philistims were fled, they
followed after them in the battel.

23 And so the Lord saued Israel that day: and the battel continued
vnto Beth-auen.

24 ¶ And at that time the men of Israel were pressed with *hunger*:
for Saul charged the people with an othe, saying, Cursed be the
man that eateth foode til nyght, that I may be auenged of mine
enemies: so none of the people tasted *anie* sustenance.

25 And all they of the land came to a wood, where hony lay vpon
the ground.

26 And the people came into the wood, & beholde, the hony dropped, and no man moued his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the othe.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the othe: wherefore he put forthe the ende of the rod that was in his hand, and dipt it in an hony combe, and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes receyued sight.

28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father made the people to swears, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth sustenance this day: and the people were faint.

29 Then said Jonathan, My father hathe troubled the land: se now how mine eyes are made cleare, because I haue tasted a litle of this hony:

30 How much more, if the people had eaten to day of the spoile of their enemies which they founde? for had there not bene now a greater slaughter among the Philistims?

31 ¶ And they smote the Philistims that day, from Michmash to Aiialon: and the people were exceding faint.

32 So the people turned to the spoyle, and toke shepe, & oxen, and calues, & slewe them on the ground, and the people did eat them with the blood.

33 Then men told Saul, saying, Beholde, the people sinne against the Lord, in that thei eat with the blood. And he said, Ye haue trespassed: roule a great stone vnto me this day.

34 Againe Saul said, Go abroade among the people, & bid them bring me euerie man his oxe, and euery man his shepe, and slaye them here, and eate and sinne not against the Lord in eating with the blood. And the people broght euery man his oxe in his hand that night and slewe them there.

35 Then Saul made an altar vnto the Lord, & that was the first altar that he made vnto the Lord.

36 ¶ And Saul said, Let vs go downe after the Philistims by night, and spoyle them vntil the morning shine, and let vs not leaue a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever thou thinkest best. Then said the Priest, Let vs drawe nere hither vnto God.

37 So Saul asked of God, *saying*, Shal I go downe after the Philistims? wilt thou deliuer them into the hands of Israel? But he answered him not at that time.

38 ¶ And Saul said, All ye chief of the people, come ye hither, and knowe, and se by whom this sinne is done this day.

39 For as the Lord liueth, which saueth Israel, thogh it be *done* by Ionathan my sonne, he shal dye the death. But none of all the people answered him.

40 Then he saide vnto all Israel, Be ye on one side, & I and Ionathan my sonne wil be on the other side. And the people said vnto Saul, Do what thou thinkest best.

41 Then Saul said vnto the Lord God of Israel, Giue a perfet *lot*. And Ionathan & Saul were taken, but the people escaped.

42 And Saul saide, Cast lot betweene me and Ionathan my sonne. And Ionathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Ionathan, Tel me what thou hast done. And Ionathan told him, and said, I tasted a litle hony with the ende of the rod, that was in mine hand, & lo, I must dye.

44 Againe Saul answered, God do so and more also, vnlesse thou dye the death, Ionathan.

45 And the people said vnto Saul, Shal Ionathan dye, who hathe so mightely deliuered Israel? God forbid. As the Lord liueth, there shal not one heere of his head fall to the ground: for he hathe wrought with God this day. So the people deliuered Ionathan that he dyed not.

46 Then Saul came vp from the Philistims: & the Philistims went to their owne place.

47 ¶ So Saul helde the kingdome ouer Israel, and foght against all his enemies on euerie side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the Kings of Zobah, & against the Philistims: & whethersoouer he went, he handled them as wicked men.

48 He gathered also an hoste & smote Amalek, & deliuered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 Nowe the sonnes of Saul were Ionathan, and Ishui, and Malchishua: and the names of his two daughters, the elder was called Merab, and the yonger was named Michal.

50 And the name of Sauls wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of his chief captaine was Abner the sonne of Ner, Sauls vncl.

51 And Kish *was* Sauls father: and Ner the father of Abner was the sonne of Abiel.

52 And there was sore warre against the Philistims all the dayes of Saul: & whomesoouer Saul sawe to be a strong man, & mete for the warre, he toke him vnto him.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Acts 2

C H A P. II.

ANd when the day of Pentecoste was come, they were all with one accorde in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sounde from heauen, as of a russhing *and* mightie winde, and it filled all the house where they sate.

3 And there appeared vnto them clouen tongues, like fyre, and it sate vpon eche of them.

4 And they were all filled with the holie Gost, and began to speake with other tongues, as the Spirit gaue them vtterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Ierusalem Iewes, men that feared God, of euerie nation vnder heauen.

6 Now when this was noised, the multitude came together and were astonied, because that euerie man heard them speake his owne language.

7 And they wondred all, and marueiled, saying among them selues, Beholde, are not all these which speake, of Galile?

8 How then heare we euerie man our owne langage, wherein we were borne?

9 Parthians, and Medes, & Elamites, and the inhabitants of Mesopotamia, and of Iudea, and of Cappadocia, of Pontus, and Asia,

10 And of Phrygia, and Pamphylia, of Egypt, and of the parties of Lybia, which is beside Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, and Iewes, & proselytes,

11 Cretes, and Arabians: wee hearde them speake in our owne tongues the wonderful *workes* of God.

12 They were all then amased, and douted, saying one to another, What may this be?

13 And others mocked, and said, They are ful of newe wine.

14 ¶ But Peter standing with the Eleuen, lift vp his voice, & said vnto them, Ye men of Iudea, *and* ye all that inhabit Ierusalem, be this knowen vnto you, and hearken vnto my wordes.

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, since it is but the thirde houre of the day.

16 But this is that, which was spoken by the Prophet Ioel,

17 And it shalbe in the last dayes, saith God, I wil powre out of my Spirit vpon all flesh, and your sonnes, and your daughters shal prophecie, and your yong men shal see visions, and your old men shal dreame dreames.

18 And on my seruantes, and on mine handmaides I will powre out of my Spirite in those daies, and they shall prophecie.

19 And I wil shewe wonders in heauen aboue, and tokens in the earth beneth, blood, and fyre, and the vapour of smoke.

20 The sunne shalbe turned into darkenes, & the moone into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come.

21 And it shalbe, that whosoeuer shal call on the Name of the Lord, shalbe saued.

22 Ye men of Israel, heare these woordes, I E S V S of Nazaret, a man approued of God among you with great workes, and wondres, and signes, which God did by him in the middes of you, as ye your selues also knowe:

23 Him, *I say*, haue ye taken by the hands of the wicked, being deliuered by the determinate counsel, & foreknowledge of God, and haue crucified and slaine:

24 Whome God hathe raised vp, & losed the sorrowes of death, because it was vnpossible that he shulde be holden of it.

25 For Daud saith concerning him, I beheld the Lord alwayes before me: for he is at my right hand, that I shulde not be shaken.

26 Therefore did mine heart reioyce, and my tongue was glad, and moreouer also my flesh shal rest in hope,

27 Because thou wilt not leaue my soule in graue, neither wilt suffer thine holie one to se corruption.

28 Thou hast shewed me the wayes of life, and shalt make me full of ioye with thy countenance.

29 Men & brethren, I may boldely speake vnto you of the Patriarke Daud, that he is both dead and buryed, and his sepulchre remaineth with vs vnto this day.

30 Therefore, seeing he was a Prophet, and knewe that God had sworne with an othe to him, that of the frute of his loines he wolde raise vp Christ concerning the flesh to set him vpon his throne,

31 He knowing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soule shulde not be left in graue, neither his flesh shulde se corruption.

32 This Iesus hathe God raised vp, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Since then that he by the right hand of God hathe bene exalted, and hathe receiued of his Father the promes of the holie Gost, he hathe shed forthe this which ye now se and heare.

34 For Dauid is not ascended into heauen, but he saith, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,

35 Vntil I make thine enemies thy fotestole.

36 Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for a suretie, that God hathe made him bothe Lord, and Christ, this Iesus, *I say*, whome yee haue crucified.

37 Now when they heard it, they were pricked in their hearts, and said vnto Peter and the other Apostles, Men & brethren, what shal we do?

38 Then Peter said vnto them, Amend your liues, and be baptized euerie one of you in the Name of Iesus Christ for the remission of sinnes: & ye shal receiue the gift of the holie Gost.

39 For the promes *is made* vnto you, and to your children, and to all that are a farreof, *euen* as many as the Lord our God shal call.

40 And with many other wordes he besoght & exhorted *them*, saying, Saue your selues from this frowarde generacion.

41 Then they that gladly receiued his word, were baptized: and the same day there were added *to the Church* about thre thousand soules.

42 And they continued in the Apostles doctrine, and felowship, and breaking of bread, and prayers.

43 ¶ And feare came vpon euery soule: and many wonders and signes were done by the Apostles.

44 And all that beleued, were in one place, and had all things
commune.

45 And thei sold their possessions & goods, and parted them to
all men, as euerie one had nede.

46 And they continued daily with one accorde in the Temple, &
breaking bread at home, did eat their meat together with gladnes
and singlenes of heart,

47 Praising God, and had fauour with all the people: and the Lord
added to the Church from day to day, suche as shulde be saued.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 27-29

P S A L. X X V I I.

¶ A Psalme of *Dauid*.

THe Lord *is* my light and my saluation, whome shal I feare?
the Lord *is* the strength of my life, of whome shal I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, *euen* mine enemies and my foes came vpon
mee to eate vp my flesh they stumbled and fel.

3 Thogh an hoste pitched against me, mine heart shulde not be
afraide: thogh warre be raised against me, I wil trust in this.

4 One thing haue I desired of the Lord, that I wil require, *euen*
that I may dwel in the house of the Lord all the dayes of my life, to
beholde the beautie of the Lord, & to visite his Temple.

5 For in the time of trouble hee shal hide me in his Tabernacle: in
the secret *place* of his pauilion shal he hide me, & set me vp vpon
a rocke.

6 And now shal he lift vp mine head aboue mine enemies round
about me: therefore wil I offer in his Tabernacle sacrifices of ioye:
I wil sing and praise the Lord.

7 Hearken vnto my voice, ô Lord, *when* I crye: haue mercie also
vpon me and heare me.

8 *When thou saidest*, Seke ye my face, mine heart answered vnto thee, O Lord, I wil seke thy face.

9 Hide not *therefore* thy face from me, nor cast thy seruant awaie in displeasure: thou hast bene my succour: leaue me not, nether forsake mee, ô God of my saluation.

10 Thogh my father and my mother shulde forsake me, yet the Lord will gather me vp.

11 Teache me thy waie, ô Lord, and leade me in a right path, because of mine enemies.

12 Giue me not vnto the lust of mine aduersaries: for there are false witnesses risen vp against me, & suche as speake cruelly.

13 *I shulde haue fainted*, except I had beleued to see the goodnes of the Lord in the land of the liuing.

14 Hope in the Lord: be strong, & he shal comfort thine heart, & trust in the Lord.

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

¶ A Psalme of *Dauid*.

VNto thee, ô Lord, do I crye: ô my strength, be not deafe toward me, lest, if thou answer me not, I be like them that go downe into the pit.

2 Heare the voice of my petitions, when I crye vnto thee, when I holde vp mine hands toward thine holy Oracle.

3 Drawe mee not awaie with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquitie: which speake friendly to their neighbours, when malice *is* in their hearts.

4 Reward them according to their dedes, and according to the wickednes of their inuentions: recompense them after the worke of their hands: render them their rewarde.

5 For thei regarde not the workes of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands: *therefore* breake them downe, & buylde them not vp.

6 Praised *be* the Lord, for he hathe heard the voice of my petitions.

7 The Lord *is* my strength and my shield: mine heart trusted in him, and I was helped: therefore mine heart shal reioyce, & with my song wil I praise him.

8 The Lord *is* their strength, and he is the strength of the deliuerances of his anointed.

9 Saue thy people, and blesse thine inheritance: fede them also, & exalt them for euer.

P S A L. X X I X.

¶ *A Psalm of Dauid.*

G iue vnto the Lord, ye sonnes of the mightie: giue vnto the Lord glorie and strength.

2 Giue vnto the Lorde glorie *due* vnto his Name: worship the Lord in the glorious Sanctuarie.

3 The voice of the Lord is vpon the waters: the God of glorie maketh it to thunder: the Lord *is* vpon the great waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is mightie: the voyce of the Lord *is* glorious.

5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedres: yea, the Lord breaketh the cedres of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to leape like a calfe: Lebanon *also* and Shirion like a yong vnicorne.

7 The voice of the Lord deuideth the flames of fyre.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the wildernes to tremble: the Lord maketh the wildernes of Kadesh to tremble.

9 The voice of the Lord maketh the hindes to calue, & discouereth the forests: *therefore* in his Temple doeth euerie man speake of *his* glorie.

10 The Lord sitteth vpon the flood, and the Lord doeth remaine King for euer.

11 The Lord shal giue strength vnto his people: the Lord shal blesse his people with peace.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: 1 Samuel 15

C H A P. X V.

Afterwarde Samuel said vnto Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint thee King ouer his people ouer Israel: nowe therefore obey the voyce of the wordes of the Lord.

2 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, I remember what Amalek did to Israel, howe they layed *wait* for them in the way, as they came vp from Egypt.

3 Nowe *therefore* go, and smite Amalek, & destroy ye all that pertaineth vnto them, & haue no compassion on them, but slay bothe man and woman, bothe infant and suckeling, bothe ox, and shepe, bothe camel, and asse.

4 ¶ And Saul assembled the people, and nombred them in Telaim, two hundreth thousand fotemen, and ten thousand men of Iudah.

5 And Saul came to a citie of Amalek, and set watch at the riuier.

6 And Saul said vnto the Kenites, Go, departe, *and* get you downe from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed mercy to all the children of Israel, when they came vp from Egypt: and the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 So Saul smote the Amalekites from Hauilah as thou comest to Shur, that is before Egypt,

8 And toke Agag the King of the Amalekites aliue, and destroyed all the people with the edge of the sworde.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, & the better shepe, and the oxen, and the fat beastes, and the lambes, and all that was

good, & they would not destroy them: but euery thing that was vile and noight worthe, that they destroyed.

10 ¶ Then came the worde of the Lord vnto Samuel, saying,

11 It repenteth me that I haue made Saul King: for he is turned from me, & hath not performed my commandements. And Samuel was moued, and cryed vnto the Lord all night.

12 And when Samuel arose early to mete Saul in the morning, one tolde Samuel, saying, Saul is gone to Carmel: and beholde, he hath made him there a place, from whence he returned, and departed, and is gone downe to Gilgal.

13 ¶ Then Samuel came to Saul, & Saul said vnto him. Blessed be thou of the Lord, I haue fulfilled the commandement of the Lord.

14 But Samuel saide, What meaneth then the bleating of the shepe in mine eares, & the lowing of the oxen which I heare?

15 And Saul answered, Thei haue broght them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the shepe, and of the oxen to sacrifice them vnto the Lord thy God, and the remnant haue we destroyed.

16 Againe Samuel said to Saul, Let me tel thee what the Lord hath said to me this night. And he said vnto him, Say on.

17 Then Samuel said, When thou wast litle in thine owne sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel? For the Lord anointed thee King ouer Israel.

18 And the Lord sent thee on a iourney, & said, Go, and destroye those sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them, vntil thou destroye them.

19 Nowe wherefore hast thou not obeyed the voyce of the Lord, but hast turned to the praye, and hast done wickedly in the sight of the Lord?

20 And Saul said vnto Samuel, Yea, I haue obeyd the voyce of the Lord, & haue gone the way which the Lord sent me, and haue

brought Agag the King of Amalek, & haue destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people toke of the spoyle, shepe, & oxen, & the chiefest of the things which shulde haue bene destroyed, to offer vnto the Lord thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, Hathe the Lord as great pleasure in burnt offerings & sacrifices, as when the voyce of the Lord is obeyed? Beholde, to obey is better then sacrifice, and to hearken *is better* then the fat of rammes.

23 For rebellion *is as* the sinne of withcraft, and transgression is wickednes and idolatrie. Because thou hast cast away the worde of the Lord, therefore he hathe cast away thee from being King.

24 Then Saul said vnto Samuel, I haue sinned: for I haue transgressed the commandement of the Lord, & thy wordes, because I feared the people, & obeyed their voyce.

25 Nowe therefore, I pray thee, take away my sinne, and turne againe with me, that I may worship the Lord.

26 But Samuel said vnto Saul, I wil not returne with thee: for thou hast cast awaye the worde of the Lord, & the Lord hathe cast away thee, that thou shalt not be King ouer Israel.

27 And as Samuel turned him selfe to go away, he caught the lap of his coate, & it rent.

28 Then Samuel said vnto him, The Lord hath rent the kingdome of Israel from thee this day, & hathe giuen it to thy neighbour, that is better then thou.

29 For in dede the strength of Israel wil not lie nor repent: for he is not a man that he shulde repent.

30 Then he said, I haue sinned: but honour me, I pray thee, before the Elders of my people, & before Israel, & turne againe with me, that I may worship the Lord thy God.

31 ¶ So Samuel turned againe, and followed Saul: and Saul worshiped the Lord.

32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the King of the Amalekites: & Agag came vnto him pleasantly, and Agag said, Truly the bitternes of death is passed.

33 And Samuel said, As thy sworde hath made women childles, so shal thy mother be childeles among other women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.

34 ¶ So Samuel departed to Ramah, and Saul went vp to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

35 And Samuel came nomore to se Saul vntil the day of his death: but Samuel mourned for Saul, and the Lord repented that he made Saul King ouer Israel.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Hebrews 7

C H A P. V I I.

FOr this Melchi-sedec *was* King of Salem, the Priest of the most hie God, who met Abraham, as he returned from the slaughter of the Kings, and blessed him:

2 To whom also Abraham gaue the tithe of all things: who first is by interpretation King of righteousnes: after that, *he is* also King of Salem, that is, King of peace,

3 Without father, without mother, without kinred, and hathe nether beginning of *his* dayes, nether ende of life: but is likened vnto the Sonne of God, and continueth a Priest for euer.

4 Nowe consider how great this man *was*, vnto whome euen the Patriarke Abraham gaue the tithe of the spoiles.

5 For verely they which are the children of Leui, which receiue the office of the Priesthode, haue a commandement to take,

according to the Law, tithes of the people (that is, of their brethren) though they came out of the loynes of Abraham.

6 But he whose kinred is not counted among them, receiued tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the lesse is blessed of the greater.

8 And here men that dye, receiue tithes: but there he *receiueth them*, of whome it is witnessed, that he liueth.

9 And to say as the thing is, Leui also which receiueth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

10 For he was yet in the loines of his father *Abraham*, when Melchi-sedec met him.

11 If therefore perfection had bene by the Priesthode of the Leuites (for vnder it the Law was established to the people) what neded it furthermore, that another Priest should rise after the order of Melchi-sedec, & not to be called after the order of Aaron?

12 For if the Priesthode be changed, then of necessitie must there be a change of the Law.

13 For he of whome these things are spoken, pertaineth vnto another tribe, whereof no man serued at the altar.

14 For it is eident, that our Lord sprong out of Iuda, concerning the which tribe Moses spake nothing, touching the Priesthode.

15 And it is yet a more eident thing, because that after the similitude of Melchi-sedec, there is risen vp another Priest,

16 Which is not made *Priest* after the Law of the carnal commandement, but after the power of the endles life.

17 For he testifieth *thus*, Thou art a Priest for euer, after the order of Melchi-sedec.

18 For the commandement that went afore, is disanulled, because of the weakenes thereof, and vnprofitablenes.

19 For the Law made nothing perfite, but the bringing in of a better hope *made perfite*, whereby we drawe nere vnto God.

20 And forasmuche as it is not without an othe (for these are made Priests without an othe:

21 But this, he is *made* with an othe by him that said vnto him, The Lord hathe sworne, & wil not repent, Thou art a Priest for euer, after the order of Melchi-sedec)

22 By so much is Iesus made a suretie of a better Testament.

23 And among them many were made Priests, because they were not suffred to endure, by the reason of death.

24 But this man, because he endureth euer, hathe an euerlasting Priesthode.

25 Wherefore, he is able also perfitely to saue them that come vnto God by him, seing he euer liueth, to make intercession for them.

26 For such an hie Priest it became vs to haue, *which is* holie, harmeles, vndefiled, separate from sinners, and made hier then the heauens:

27 Which neded not daily as those hie Priests to offer vp sacrifice, first for his owne sinnes, and then for the peoples: for that did he once, when he offred vp himselfe.

28 For the Law maketh men hie Priestes, which haue infirmitie: but the word of the othe that was since the Law, maketh the Sonne, who is consecrated for euermore.

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