

Sonnet 89: Lyke as the Culuer

Friday, May 17, 1594

Morning Prayer: Psa 86-88; 2Ki 17; Mat 15

Evening Prayer: Psa 89; 2Ki 18; Rom 16

Morning Prayer: Psalms 86-88

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

¶ A prayer of Dauid.

INcline 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.*

God 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: 1st Lesson: 2 Kings 17

C H A P. X V I I.

IN the twelft yeere of Ahaz King of Iudah began Hoshea the sonne of Elah to reigne in Samaria ouer Israel, and reigned nine yeeres.

2 And he did euill in the sight of the Lorde, but not as the Kinges of Israel, that were before him.

3 And Shalmaneser king of Asshur came vp against him, and Hoshea became his seruant, and gaue him presents.

4 And the King of Asshur founde treason in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So King of Egypt, and brought no present vnto the King of Asshur, as he had done yeerely: therfore the king of Asshur shut him vp, and put him in prison.

5 Then the king of Asshur came vp throughout all the lande, and went against Samaria, and besieged it three yeere.

6 In the ninth yeere of Hoshea, the King of Asshur tooke Samaria, and caryed Israel away vnto Asshur, and put them in Halah, and in Habor by the riuer of Gozan, & in the cities of the Medes.

7 For when the children of Israel sinned against the Lorde their God, which had brought them out of the land of Egypt, fro vnder ye hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, & feared other gods,

8 And walked according to the facions of the Heathen, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel, and after the maners of the Kings of Israel, which they vsed,

9 And the children of Israel had done secretly things that were not vpright before the Lorde their God, & throughout all their cities had built hie places, both from the tower of the watch, to the defended citie,

10 And had made them images and groues vpon euery hie hill, and vnder euery greene tree,

11 And there burnt incense in all the hie places, as did the heathen, whom the Lord had taken away before them, and wrought wicked things to anger the Lord,

12 And serued idoles: whereof the Lorde had sayd vnto them, Ye shal do no such thing,

13 Notwithstanding the Lord testified to Israel, and to Iudah by all the Prophets, & by all the Seers, saying, Turne from your euill wayes, and keepe my commandements & my statutes, according to all the Lawe, which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my seruants the Prophets.

14 Neuerthelesse they would not obey, but hardened their neckes, like to the neckes of their fathers, that did not beleeeue in the Lorde their God.

15 And they refused his statutes and his couenant, that he made with their fathers, & his testimonies (wherewith he witnessed vnto them) and they followed vanitie, and became vaine, and followed the heathen that were round about them: concerning whome the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16 Finally they left all the commaundements of the Lorde their God, and made them molten images, euen two calues, and made a groue, and worshipped all the hoste of heauen, and serued Baal.

17 And they made their sonnes and their daughters passe thorowe the fire, and vsed witchcraft and inchantments, yea, solde them selues to doe euill in the sight of the Lord, to anger him.

18 Therefore the Lord was exceeding wroth with Israel, and put them out of his sight, and none was left but the tribe of Iudah onely.

19 Yet Iudah kept not the commandements of the Lord their God, but walked according to the facion of Israel, which they vsed.

20 Therefore the Lorde cast off all the seede of Israel, and afflicted them, and deliuered them into the handes of spoylers, vntill he had cast them out of his sight.

21 For he cut off Israel from the house of Daud, and they made Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat King: and Ieroboam drewe Israel away from following the Lorde, and made them sinne a great sinne.

22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sinnes of Ieroboam, which he did, and departed not therefrom,

23 Vntill the Lord put Israel away out of his sight, as he had said by all his seruants the Prophets, and caryed Israel away out of their land to Asshur vnto this day.

24 And the King of Asshur brought folke from Babel, and from Cuthah, and from Aua, and from Hamath, and from Sepharuaim, & placed them in the cities of Samaria in steade of the children of Israel: so they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And at the beginning of their dwelling there, they feared not the Lord: therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which slewe them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the King of Asshur, saying, The nations which thou hast remoued, and placed in the cities of Samaria, knowe not the maner of the God of the land: therefore he

hath sent lions among them, and behold, they slay them, because they knowe not the maner of the God of the land.

27 Then the King of Asshur commaunded, saying, Carie thither one of the Priestes whome ye brought thence, and let him goe and dwell there, and teache them the maner of the God of the countrey.

28 So one of the Priestes, which they had caryed from Samaria, came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they shoulde feare the Lorde.

29 Howbeit euery nation made their gods, & put them in the houses of the hie places, which the Samaritanes had made, euery nation in their cities, wherein they dwelt.

30 For the men of Babel made Succoth-Benoth: and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31 And the Auims made Nibhaz, and Tartak: and the Sepharuims burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech, and Anammelech the gods of Sepharuaim.

32 Thus they feared the Lorde, and appoynted out Priestes out of them selues for the hie places, who prepared for them sacrifices in the houses of the hie places.

33 They feared the Lord, but serued their gods after the maner of the nations whome they caryed thence.

34 Vnto this day they doe after the olde maner: they neyther feare God, neyther doe after their ordinances, nor after their customes, nor after the Lawe, nor after the commaundement, which the Lord commanded the children of Iaakob, whom he named Israel,

35 And with whom the Lord had made a couenant, and charged them, saying, Feare none other gods, nor bowe your selues to them, nor serue them, nor sacrifice to them:

36 But feare the Lorde which brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power, and a stretched out arme: him feare ye, and worshippe him, and sacrifice to him.

37 Also keepe ye diligently the statutes and the ordinances, and the Lawe, and the commandement, which he wrote for you, that ye do them continually, and feare not other gods.

38 And forget not the couenant that I haue made with you, neither feare ye other gods,

39 But feare the Lord your God, and he will deliuer you out of the handes of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit they obeyed not, but did after their olde custome.

41 So these nations feared the Lord, and serued their images also: so did their children, and their childrens children: as did their fathers, so do they vnto this day.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Matthew 15

C H A P. X V.

Then came to Iesus the Scribes and Pharises, which were of Hierusalem, saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgresse the tradition of the Elders? For they wash not their hands when they eate bread.

3 But he answered & said vnto them, Why doe yee also transgresse the commaundement of God by your tradition?

4 For God hath commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and he that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

5 But ye say, Whosoeuer shal say to father or mother, By the gift that is offered by me, thou maiest haue profite,

6 Though hee honour not his father, or his mother, shalbe free: thus haue ye made the commaundement of God of no auctoritie by your tradition.

7 O hypocrites, Esaias prophecied well of you, saying,

8 This people draweth neere vnto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with the lips, but their heart is farre off from me.

9 But in vaine they worship me, teaching for doctrines, mens precepts.

10 Then hee called the multitude vnto him, and said to them, Heare and vnderstand.

11 That which goeth into the mouth, defileth not the man, but that which commeth out of the mouth, that defileth the man.

12 Then came his disciples, and saide vnto him, Perceiuest thou not, that the Pharises are offended in hearing this saying?

13 But hee answered and saide, Euery plant which mine heauenly Father hath not planted, shalbe rooted vp.

14 Let them alone, they be the blinde leaders of the blinde: and if the blinde leade ye blinde, both shall fall into the ditche.

15 Then answered Peter, and said to him, Declare vnto vs this parable.

16 Then said Iesus, Are ye yet without vnderstanding?

17 Perceiue ye not yet, that whatsoeuer entreth into the mouth, goeth into the bellie, and is cast out into the draught?

18 But those thinges which procede out of the mouth, come from the heart, and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart come euil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false testimonies, slaunders.

20 These are the things, which defile the man: but to eat with vnwashed hands, defileth not ye man.

21 And Iesus went thence, and departed into the coastes of Tyrus and Sidon.

22 And beholde, a woman a Cananite came out of the same coasts, and cried, saying vnto him, Haue mercie on me, O Lord, the sonne of Daud: my daughter is miserably vexed with a deuil.

23 But hee answered her not a worde. Then came to him his disciples, and besought him, saying, Sende her away, for she crieth after vs.

24 But he answered, and said, I am not sent, but vnto the lost sheepe of the house of Israel.

25 Yet she came, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, helpe me.

26 And he answered, and said, It is not good to take the childrens bread, and to cast it to whelps.

27 But she said, Trueth, Lord: yet in deede the whelpes eate of the crommes, which fall from their masters table.

28 Then Iesus answered, and saide vnto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it to thee, as thou desirest; her daughter was made whole at that houre.

29 So Iesus went away from thence, and came neere vnto the sea of Galile, and went vp into a mountaine and sate downe there.

30 And great multitudes came vnto him, hauing with them, halt, blinde, dumme, maymed, and many other, and cast them downe at Iesus feete, and he healed them.

31 In so much that the multitude wondered, to see the dumme speake, the maimed whole, the halt to goe, and the blinde to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 Then Iesus called his disciples vnto him, and said, I haue compassion on this multitude, because they haue continued with mee already three dayes, & haue nothing to eate: and I wil not let them depart fasting, least they faint in the way.

33 And his disciples saide vnto him, Whence should we get so much bread in the wildernes, as should suffice so great a multitude!

34 And Iesus said vnto them, How many loaues haue ye? And they said, Seuen, & a few litle fishes.

35 Then he commanded the multitude to sit downe on the ground,

36 And tooke the seuen loaues, and the fishes, and gaue thankes, and brake them, and gaue to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

37 And they did all eate, and were sufficed: and they tooke vp of the fragments that remained, seuen baskets full.

38 And they that had eaten, were foure thousand men, beside women, and litle children.

39 Then Iesus sent away the multitude, and tooke ship, and came into the partes of Magdala.

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 Daid 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 enimie 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 shalbe established for euermore as the moone, & *as* a
faithful witnes in the heauen. Selah.

38 But thou hast reiected and abhorred, thou hast bene angrie
with thine Anointed.

39 Thou hast broken the couenant of thy seruant, & profaned his
crowne, *casting it* on the ground.

40 Thou hast broken downe all his walles: thou hast layed his
fortresses in ruine.

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

- 42 Thou hast set vp the right hand of his enemies, *and* made all his aduersaries to reioyce.
- 43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sworde, and hast not made him to stand in the battel.
- 44 Thou hast caused his dignitie to decay, and cast his throne to the grounde.
- 45 The dayes of his youth hast thou shortened, *and* couered him with shame. Selah.
- 46 Lord, how long wilt thou hide thy self, for euer? shal thy wrath burne like fyre?
- 47 Remember of what time I am: wherefore shuldest thou creat in vaine all the children of men?
- 48 What man liueth, & shal not se death? shal he deliuer his soule from the hand of the graue? Selah.
- 49 Lord, where are thy former mercies, *which* thou swarest vnto Daud in thy trueth?
- 50 Remember, ô Lord, the rebuke of thy seruants, which I beare in my bosome of all the mightie people.
- 51 For thine enemies haue reproched *thee*, ô Lord, because they haue reproched the fotestepes of thine Anointed.
- 52 Praised *be* the Lord for euermore. So be it, euen so be it.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: 2 Kings 18

C H A P. X V I I I.

NOw in the third yere of Hoshea, sonne of Elah King of Israel, Hezekiah the sonne of Ahaz King of Iudah began to reigne.

2 He was fiue and twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned nine and twentie yere in Ierusalem. His mothers name also was Abi the daughter of Zachariah,

3 And he did vprightly in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Dauid his father had done.

4 He toke away the hie places, and brake the images, and cut downe the groues, & brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for vnto those dayes the children of Israel did burne incense to it, and hee called it Nehushtan.

5 He trusted in the Lorde God of Israel: so that after him was none like him among all the Kings of Iudah, neither were there any suche before him.

6 For he claue to the Lord, & departed not from him, but kept his commandements, which the Lord had commanded Moses.

7 So the Lord was with him, *and* he prospered in all thinges, which he toke in hand: also he rebelled against the King of Asshur, and serued him not.

8 He smote the Philistims vnto Azzah, & the coastes thereof, from the watche towre vnto the defended citie.

9 ¶ And in the fourte yere of King Hezekiah, (which was the seuenth yere of Hoshea sonne of Elah King of Israel) Shalmaneser King of Asshur came vp against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And after thre yeres they toke it, *euen* in the sixt yere of Hezekiah: that is, the ninth yere of Hoshea King of Israel was Samaria taken.

11 Then the King of Asshur did cary away Israel vnto Asshur, and put them in Halah and in Habor, *by* the riuer of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,

12 Because they wolde not obey the voyce of the Lord their God, but transgressed his couenant: *that is*, all that Moses the seruant of the Lord had commanded, and wolde nether obey nor do them.

13 ¶ Moreouer, in the fourtenth yere of King Hezekiah, Saneherib King of Asshur came vp against all the strong cities of Iudah, and toke them.

14 Then Hezekiah King of Iudah sent vnto the King of Asshur to Lachish, saying, I haue offended: departe from me, & what thou layest vpon me, I wil beare it. And the King of Asshur appointed vnto Hezekiah King of Iudah threie hudreth talents of siluer, and thirty talents of golde.

15 Therefore Hezekiah gaue all the siluer that was founde in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the Kings house.

16 At the same season did Hezekiah pul of *the plates* of the dores of the Temple of the Lord, and the pillers (which the said Hezekiah King of Iudah had couered ouer) and gaue them to the King of Asshur.

17 ¶ And the King of Asshur sent Tartan, and Rab-saris, and Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a great hoste against Ierusalem. And they went vp, and came to Ierusalem, and when they were come vp, they stode by the condite of the vpper poole, which is by the path of the fullers field,

18 And called to the King. Then came out to them Eliakim the sonne of Hilkiah, which was stewarde of the house, & Shebna the chancellor, and Ioah the sonne of Asaph the recorder.

19 And Rabshakeh said vnto them, Tel ye Hezekiah, I pray you, Thus sayth the great King, *euen* the great King of Asshur, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

20 Thou thinkest, Surely I haue eloquence, *but* counsel and strength *are* for the warre. On whome then doest thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

21 Lo, thou trustest now in this broken staffe of rede, *to wit*, on Egypt, on which if a man leane, it wil go into his hand, & pearce it: so is Pharaoh King of Egypt vnto all that trust on him.

22 But if ye say vnto me, We trust in the Lord our God, is not that he whose hie places, and whose altars Hezekiah hathe taken away,

and hathe sayd to Iudah and Ierusalem, Ye shal worship before this altar in Ierusalem?

23 Now therefore giue hostages to my lord the King of Asshur, and I will giue thee two thousand horses, if thou be able to set riders vpon them.

24 For how canst thou despise any captaine of the least of my masters seruants, & put thy trust on Egypt for charets and horsemen?

25 Am I now come vp without the lord to this place, to destroye it? the lord said to me, Go vp against this land, & destroy it.

26 Then Eliakim the sonne of Hilkihah, and Shebna, and Ioah said vnto Rabshakeh, Speake I pray thee, to thy seruants in the Aramites language, for we vnderstand it, and talke not with vs in the Iewes tongue, in the audience of the people that are on the wall.

27 But Rabshakeh saide vnto them, Hathe my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speake these wordes, and not to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their owne dounge, & drinke their owne pisse with you?

28 So Rabshakeh stode and cryed with a loude voyce in the Iewes language, & spake, saying, Heare the wordes of the great King, of the king of Asshur.

29 Thus sayth the King, Let not Hezekiah disceiue you: for he shal not be able to deliuer you out of mine hand.

30 Nether let Hezekiah make you to trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliuer vs, and this citie shal not be giuen ouer into the hand of the king of Asshur.

31 Hearken not vnto Hezekiah: for thus saith the King of Asshur, Make appointment with me, and come out to me, that euerie man may eat of his owne vine, & euerie man of his owne fig tre, and drinke euerie man of the water of his owne well,

32 Til I come, and bring you to a land like your owne land, *euen* a land of wheat and wine, a land of bread and vineyardes, a lande of oliues oyle, and hony, that ye may liue and not dye: and obey not Hezekiah, for he disceiueth you, saying, The Lord wil deliuer vs.

33 Hath anie of the gods of the nacions deliuered his land out of the hand of the King of Asshur?

34 Where is the god of Hamah, and of Arpad? where is the god of Sepharuaim, Hena and Iuah? how haue they deliuered Samaria out of mine hand?

35 Who are they among all the gods of the nacions, that haue deliuered their land out of mine hand, that the Lord shulde deliuer Ierusalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and answered not him a worde: for the Kings commandement was, saying, Answere ye him not.

37 Then Eliakim, the sonne of Hilkiyah which was stewarde of the house, & Shebna the chancellor, and Ioah the sonne of Asaph the recorder came to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and tolde him the wordes of Rabshakeh.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Romans 16

C H A P. X V I.

I Commende vnto you Phebe our sister, which is a seruant of the Church of Cenchrea,

2 That ye receiue her in the Lord, as it becometh Saintes, and that ye assist her in whatsoever busines she nedeth of your aide: for she hath giuen hospitalitie vnto manie, and to me also.

3 Grete Priscilla and Aquila my fellow helpers in Christ Iesus.

- 4 (Which haue for my life laid downe their owne necke. Vnto whome not I onely giue thankes, but also all the Churches of the Gentiles.)
- 5 Likewise *grete* the Church that is in their house. Salute my beloued Epenetus, which is the first frutes of Achaia in Christ.
- 6 Grete Marie which bestowed muche labour on vs.
- 7 Salute Andronicus and Iunia my cousins and fellow prisoners, which are notable among the Apostles, and were in Christ before me.
- 8 Greete Amplias my beloued in the Lord.
- 9 Salute Vrbanus our felow helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloued.
- 10 Salute Apelles approued in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus *friends*.
- 11 Salute Herodion my kinsman. Grete them which are of the *frieds* of Narcissus which are in the Lord.
- 12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, which *women* labour in the Lord. Salute the beloued Persis, which *woman* hath laboured muche in the Lord.
- 13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, & his mother and mine.
- 14 Grete Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Mercurius, and the brethren which are with them.
- 15 Salute Philologus and Iulias, Nereas, & his sister, and Olympas, & all the Saintes which are with them.
- 16 Salute one another with an holie kisse. The Churches of Christ salute you.
- 17 ¶ Now I beseche you brethren, marke them diligently which cause diuision and offences, contrarie to the doctrine which ye haue learned, and auoide them.

18 For they that are suche, serue not the Lord Iesus Christ, but their owne bellies, and with faire speech & flattering deceiue the hearts of the simple.

19 For your obedience is come abrode among all: I am glad therefore of you: but yet I woulde haue you wise, vnto that which is good, and simple concerning euil.

20 The God of peace shal treade Satan vnder your fete shortly. The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ *be* with you.

21 Timotheus my helper, and Lucius, and Iason, and Sosipater my kinsemen, salute you.

22 I Tertius, which wrote out this epistle, salute you in the Lord.

23 Gaius mine hoste, & of the whole Church saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlaine of the citie saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

24 The grace of our Lorde Iesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

25 To him now that is of power to establishe you according to my Gospel, and preaching of Iesus Christ, by the reuelation of the mysterie, which was kept secret since the worlde began:

26 (But now is opened, & published among all nations by the Scriptures of the Prophetes, at the commandement of the euerlasting God for the obedience of faith)

27 To God, *I say*, onely wise, be praise through Iesus Christ for euer. Amen.

Written to the Romaines from Corinthus, *and sent* by Phebe, seruant of the Church, which is at Cenchrea.

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