

Sonnet 15: Ye tradefull Merchants

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Morning Prayer: Psa 35-6; Exo 19; Mar 6

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Morning Prayer: Psalm 35-6

P S A L. X X X V.

A Psalme of *Dauid*.

PLeade thou my cause, ô Lord, with them that striue with me:
fight thou against them, that fight against me.

2 Laie hand vpon the shield and buckler, and stand vp for mine
helpe.

3 Bring out also the speare and stoppe *the waie* against them, that
persecute me: saie vnto my soule, I am thy saluacion.

4 Let them be confounded & put to shame, that seke after my
soule: let them be turned backe, and broght to confusion, that
imagine mine hurt.

5 Let them be as chaffe before the winde, and let the Angel of the
Lord scater *them*.

6 Let their waie be darke & slipperie: and let the Angel of the
Lord persecute them.

7 For without cause thei haue hid the pit *and* their net for me:
without cause haue they digged *a pit* for my soule.

8 Let destruction come vpon him at vnwares, & let his net, that he
hathe laied priuely, take him: let him fall into the same destruction.

9 Then my soule shalbe ioyful in the Lord: it shal reioyce in his
saluacion.

10 All my bones shall saie, Lord, who is like vnto thee, which
deliuerest the poore from him, that is too strong for him! yea, the
poore and him that is in miserie, from him that spoileth him!

11 Cruel witnesses did rise vp: thei asked of me things that I
knewe not.

12 They rewarded me euil for good, to haue spoiled my soule.

13 Yet I, when thei were sicke, I was clothed with a sacke: I
humbled my soule with fasting: and my praier was turned vpon my
bosome.

14 I behaued my selfe as to *my* friend, *or* as to my brother: I
humbled my selfe, mourning as one that bewaileth his mother.

15 But in mine aduersitie thei reioyced, & gathered them selues
together: the abiects assembled them selues against me, & I knewe
not: thei tare me & ceased not,

16 With the false skoffers at bankets, gnashing their teeth against
me.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou beholde *this*? deliuer my soule from
their tumult, *euen* my desolate *soule* from the lions.

18 *So* wil I giue thee thanks in a great Congregation: I wil praise
thee among mucche people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies, vniustly reioyce ouer me,
nether let them winke with the eye, that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speake not as friends: but they imagine deceitful
wordes against the quiet of the land.

21 And they gaped on me with their mouthes, saying, Aha, aha,
our eye hathe sene.

22 Thou hast sene it, ô Lord: kepe not silence: be not farre from
me, ô Lord.

23 Arise and wake to my iudgement, *euen* to my cause, my God,
and my Lord.

24 Iudge me, ô Lord my God, according to thy righteousnes, and
let them not reioyce ouer me.

25 Let them not saye in their hearts, O our soule reioyce: nether
let them saye, We haue deuoured him.

26 Let them be confounded, and put to shame together, that reioyce at mine hurt: let them be clothed with confusion and shame, that lift vp them selues against me.

27 *But* let them be ioyful & glad, that loue my righteousnes: yea, let them say alwaie, Let the Lord be magnified, which loueth the prosperitie of his seruant.

28 And my tongue shal vtter thy righteousnes, & thy praise euerie day.

P S A L. X X X V I.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psal. of Dauid,
the seruant of the Lord.*

Wickednes saieth to the wicked man, euen in mine heart,
that there is no feare of God before his eyes.

2 For hee flattereth him self in his owne eyes, while his iniquitie is found *worthie* to be hated.

3 The wordes of his mouth *are* iniquitie and deceite: he hathe left of to vnderstand & to do good.

4 He imagineth mischief vpon his bed: he setteth him selfe vpon a waie, *that is* not good, & doeth not abhorre euil.

5 Thy mercy, ô Lord, *reacheth* vnto the heauens, *and* thy faithfulnes vnto the cloudes.

6 Thy righteousnes *is* like the mightie moutaines: thy iudgements *are like* a great deepe: thou, Lord, doest saue man and beast.

7 How excellent is thy mercy, ô God! therefore the children of men trust vnder the shadowe of thy wings.

8 They shal be satisfied with the fatnes of thine house, & thou shalt giue them drinke out of the riuer of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee *is* the well of life, & in thy light shal we se light.

10 Extend thy louing kindenes vnto them that knowe thee, and thy righteousnes vnto them that are vpriight in heart.

11 Let not the fote of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked men moue me.

12 There they are fallen that worke iniquitie: they are cast downe, and shal not be able to rise.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Exodus 19

C H A P. X I X.

IN the third moneth, after the children of Israel were gone out of the lande of Egypt, the same day came they into the wildernes of Sinai.

2 For they departed from Rephidim, and came to the desert of Sinai, & camped in the wildernes: euen there Israel camped before the mount.

3 But Moses went vp vnto God, for the Lord had called out of the mount vnto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Iaakob, and tell the children of Israel,

4 Ye haue sene what I did vnto the Egyptians, and *how* I caryed you vpon egles wings, and haue broght you vnto me.

5 Now therefore if ye wil heare my voyce in dede, and kepe my couenant, then ye shalbe my chiefe treasure aboue all people, thogh all the earth be mine.

6 Ye shalbe vnto mee also a kingdome of Priestes, and an holy nation. These *are* the wordes which thou shalt speake vnto the children of Israel.

7 ¶ Moses then came & called for the Elders of the people, and proposed vnto them all these things, which the Lord commanded him.

8 And the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath commanded, we will do. And Moses reported the wordes of the people vnto the Lord.

9 And the Lord sayd vnto Moses, Lo, I come vnto thee in a thicke cloude, that the people may heare, whiles I talke with thee, and that they may also beleue thee for euer. (for Moses had tolde the wordes of the people vnto the Lord)

10 Moreouer the Lord said vnto Moses, Go to the people, and sanctifie them to daie and to morowe, and let them wash their clothes.

11 And let them be ready on the third daie: for the third daie the Lord wil come downe in the sight of all the people vpon mount Sinai:

12 And thou shalt set markes vnto the people rounde about, saying, Take hede to your selues that ye go not vp the mount, nor touche the bordre of it: whosoever toucheth the mount, shal surely dye.

13 No hand shal touche it, but he shal be stoned to death, or striken through with dartes: whether it be beast or man, he shal not liue: when the horne bloweth long, thei shal come vp into the mountaine.

14 ¶ Then Moses went downe from ye mount vnto the people, & sanctified the people, and thei washed their clothes.

15 And he said vnto the people, Be ready on the third daie, *and* come not at *your* wiues.

16 And the third daie, when it was morning, there was thunders & lightnings, & a thicke cloude vpon the mount, & the sound of the trumpet exceding loude, so that all the people, that was in the campe, was afraid.

17 Then Moses brought the people out of the tents to mete with God, & thei stode in the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Sinai *was* all on smoke, because the Lorde came downe vpon it in fire, and the smoke therof ascended, as the smoke of a fornace, and all the mount trembled excedingly.

- 19 And when the sound of the trumpet blewe long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by voyce.
- 20 (For the Lord came downe vpon mount Sinai on the top of the mount) and when the Lord called Moses vp into the top of the mount, Moses went vp.
- 21 Then the Lord said vnto Moses, Go downe, charge the people, that thei breake not *their boundes*, to go vp to the Lord to gaze, lest manie of them perish.
- 22 And let the Priests also which come to the Lord be sanctified, lest the Lord destroye them.
- 23 And Moses said vnto the Lord, The people can not come vp into the mount Sinai: for thou hast charged vs, saying, Set markes on the mountaine, & sanctifie it.
- 24 And the Lord sayd vnto him, Go, get thee downe, and come vp, thou, & Aaron with thee: but let not the Priestes & the people breake *their boundes* to come vp vnto the Lord, lest he destroye them.
- 25 So Moses went downe vnto the people, and tolde them.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Mark 6

C H A P. V I.

Afterwarde he departed thence, & came into his owne countrey, and his disciples followed him.

- 2 And when the Sabbath was come, he began to teache in the Synagogue, & manie that heard him, were astonied, & said, From whence hath this man these things? & what wisdom is this that is giuen vnto him, that euen suche great workes are done by his hands!

3 Is not this the carpenter Maries sonne, the brother of Iames and Ioses, and of Iuda & Simon? and are not his sisters here with vs? And they were offended in him.

4 Then Iesus sayd vnto them, A Prophet is not without honour, but in his owne countrey, and among his owne kinred, & in his owne house.

5 And he colde there do no great workes saue that he laid his hands vpon a fewe sicke folke, and healed *them*.

6 And he marueiled at their vnbeliefe, and went about by the townes on euerie side, teaching.

7 ¶ And he called vnto him the twelue, and began to send them two & two, and gaue them power ouer vncleane spirits,

8 And commanded them, that they shulde take nothing for *their* iorney, saue a staffe onely: nether scrip, nether bread, nether money in their girdles,

9 But that thei shulde be shod with sandals, & that they shulde not put on two coates.

10 And he said vnto them, Wheresoeuer ye shal entre into an house, there abide til ye departe thence.

11 And whosoever shal not receiue you, nor heare you, when ye depart thence, shake of the dust that is vnder your feete, for a witnes vnto them. Verely I say vnto you, It shalbe easier for Sodom, or Gomorrha at the day of iudgement, then for that citie.

12 ¶ And they went out, and preached, that *men* shulde amende their liues.

13 And they cast out manie deuils: and they anointed manie that were sicke, with oyle, and healed *them*.

14 ¶ Then King Herode heard of him (for his name was spied abroad) & said, Iohn Baptist is risen againe from the dead & therefore great workes are wrought by him.

15 Other said, It is Elias: and some said, It is a Prophet, or as one of the Prophetes.

16 So when Herode heard it, he said, It is Iohn whome I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.

17 For Herode him self had sent forthe, & had taken Iohn, and bounde him in prison for Herodias sake, which was his brother Philippes wife, because he had married her.

18 For Iohn said vnto Herode, It is not lawful for thee to haue thy brothers wife.

19 Therefore Herodias had a quarel against him, & wolde haue killed him, but she colde not:

20 For Herode feared Iohn, knowing that he *was* a iuste man, and an holie, and reuerenced him, & when he heard him, he did manie things, and heard him gladly.

21 But the time being conuenient, when Herode on his birth day made a banquet to his princes & captaines, and chief estates of Galile:

22 And the daughter of the same Herodias came in and danced, and pleased Herode and them that sate at table together, the King said vnto the maide, Aske of me what thou wilt, and I wil giue it thee.

23 And he sware vnto her, Whatsoeuer thou shalt aske of me, I will giue it thee, *euen* vnto the halfe of my kingdome.

24 So she went forth, and said to her mother, What shal I aske? And she said, Iohn Baptists head.

25 Then she came in straightway with haste vnto the King, and asked, saying, I wolde that thou shuldest giue me euen now in a charger the head of Iohn Baptist.

26 Then the King was verie sorye: *yet* for his othes sake, and for their sakes which sate at table with him, he wolde not refuse her.

27 And immediatly the King sent the hangman, and gaue charge that his head shulde be broght. So he went & beheaded him in the prison,

28 And broght his head in a charger, and gaue it to the maide, and the maide gaue it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard it, they came and toke vp his bodie, and put it in a tombe.

30 ¶ And the Apostles gathered themselues together to Iesus, and tolde him all things, bothe what they had done, & what they had taught.

31 And he said vnto them, Come ye aparte into the wildernes, and reste a while: for there were manie commers & goers, that they had not leasure to eat.

32 So they went by ship out of the way into a desert place.

33 But the people saw them when they departed, & manie knewe him, & ranne a foote thither out of all cities, and came thither before them, and assembled vnto him.

34 Then Iesus went out, and sawe a great multitude, and had compassion on them, because they were like shepe which had no shepherde: and he began to teache them manie things.

35 And when the day was nowe farre spent, his disciples came vnto him, saying, This is a desert place, and nowe the day is farre passed.

36 Let them departe, that they may goe into the villages and townes about, & bye them bread: for they haue nothing to eat?

37 But he answered, & said vnto them, Giue ye them to eat. And thei said vnto him, Shal we go, and bye two hundreth penie worthe of bread, and giue them to eat?

38 Then he said vnto them, Howe manie loaues haue ye? go and loke. And when thei knewe it, they said, Fiue, and two fisshes.

39 So he commanded them, to make them all sit downe by companies vpon the grene grasse.

40 Then they sate downe by rowes, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And he toke the fiue loaues, and the two fisshes, & loked vp to heauen, & gaue thanks, & brake the loaues, & gaue them to his disciples to set before them, and the two fishes he deuided among them all.

42 So they did all eat, and were satisfied.

43 And they toke vp twelue baskettes ful of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that had eaten, were about fiue thousand men.

45 ¶ And straightway he caused his disciples to go into the ship, and to go before vnto the other side vnto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

46 Then assone as he had sent them away, he departed into a mountaine to pray.

47 And when euen was come, the ship was in the middes of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he sawe them troubled in rowing, (for the winde was contrarie vnto them) & about the fourth watche of the night, he came vnto them, walking vpon the sea, & wolde haue passed by them.

49 And when thei sawe him walking vpon the sea, they supposed it had bene a spirit, and cryed out.

50 For they all sawe him, and were sore afraide: but anone he talked with them, and said vnto them, Be ye of good comfort: it is I, be not afraide.

51 Then he went vp vnto them into the ship, and the winde ceased, and they were sore amased in them selues beyonde measure, and marueiled.

52 For they had not considered *the matter* of the loaves, because their hearts were hardened.

53 ¶ And they came ouer, and went into the land of Gennesaret, and arriued.

54 So when they were come out of the ship, straight way they knewe him,

55 And ranne about throughout all that region round about, & began to carye hither & thither in beddes all that were sicke, where they heard that he was.

56 And whither soeuer he entred into townes, or cities, or villages, they laid their sicke in the stretes, and prayed him that they might touche at the least the edge of his garment. And as manie as touched him, were made whole.

Evening Prayer: Psalm 37

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

¶ A Psalme of *Dauid*.

FReate not thy self because of the wicked men, nether be enuious for the euil doers.

2 For they shal soone be cut downe like grasse, and shal wither as the grene herbe.

3 Trust thou in the Lord & do good: dwel in the land, & thou shalt be fed assuredly.

4 And delite thy self in the Lord, and he shal giue thee thine hearts desire.

5 Commit thy waye vnto the Lord, and trust in him, and he shal bring it to passe.

6 And he shal bring forthe thy righteousnes as the light, & thy iudgement as the noone day.

- 7 Waite patiently vpon the Lord and hope in him: fret not thy self for him which prospereth in his waye: *nor* for the man that bringeth *his* enterprises to passe.
- 8 Cease from angre, & leaue of wrath: fret not thy selfe also to do euil.
- 9 For euil doers shalbe cut of, and they that waite vpon the Lord, they shal inherite the land.
- 10 Therefore yet a litle while, and the wicked shal not *appeare*, and thou shalt loke after his place, and he shal not *be founde*.
- 11 But meeke men shal possesse the earth, and shal haue their delite in the multitude of peace.
- 12 The wicked practiseth against the iust, and gnasheth his teeth against him.
- 13 *But* the Lord shall laugh him to scorne: for he seeth, that his daye is coming.
- 14 The wicked haue drawne *their* sworde, and haue bent their bowe, to cast downe the poore and needie, *and* to slay such as be of vpright conuersation.
- 15 *But* their sworde shall entre into their owne heart, & their bowes shal be broken.
- 16 A small thing vnto the iust man is better, then great riches to the wicked *and* mightie.
- 17 For the armes of the wicked shalbe broken: but the Lord vpholdeth the iust men.
- 18 The Lord knoweth the dayes of vpright men, and their inheritance shalbe perpetual.
- 19 They shal not be confounded in the perilous time, and in the dayes of famine they shal haue ynough.
- 20 But the wicked shal perish, and the enemies of the Lord shalbe consumed as the fat of lambes: *euē* with the smoke shal they consume awaye.

21 The wicked borroweth and payeth not againe. but the righteous is merciful, and giueth.

22 For suche as be blessed *of God*, shal inherit the land, & they that be cursed of him, shalbe cut of.

23 The paths of man are directed by the Lord: for he loueth his way.

24 Thogh he fall, hee shal not be cast of: for the Lord putteth vnder his hand.

25 I haue bene yong and am olde: yet I saw neuer the righteous forsaken, nor his sede begging bread.

26 *But* he is euer mercifull and lendeth, and his sede *enioyeth* the blessing.

27 Flee from euil and do good, and dwel for euer.

28 For the Lord loueth iudgement, & forsaketh not his Saints: they shalbe preserued for euermore: but the sede of the wicked shalbe cut of.

29 The righteous men shal inherit the land, and dwel therein for euer.

30 The mouth of the righteous will speake of wisdom, and his tongue wil talke of iudgement.

31 *For* the Law of his God *is* in his heart, & his steppes shal not slide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seketh to slay him.

33 *But* the Lord wil not leaue him in his hand, nor condemne him, when he is iudged.

34 Waite thou on the Lord, and kepe his way, & he shal exalt thee, that thou shalt inherit the land: when the wicked men shal perish, thou shalt se.

35 I haue sene the wicked strong, & spreading him self like a grene bay tre.

36 Yet he passed away, and lo, he was gone, and I sought him, but he could not be founde.

37 Marke the upright man, and beholde the iust: for the end of *that man is peace.*

38 But the transgressours shall be destroyed together, *and* the end of the wicked shall be cut of.

39 But the saluation of the righteous men *shall be* of the Lord: he *shall be* their strength in the time of trouble.

40 For the Lord shall helpe them, and deliuer them: he shall deliuer them from the wicked, and shall saue them, because they trust in him.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Exodus 20

C H A P. X X.

Then God spake all these wordes, saying,

2 I am the Lord thy God, which haue broght thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt haue none other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt make thee no graven image, nether anie similitude *of things* that are in heauen aboue, nether that are in the earth beneth, nor that are in the waters vnder the earth.

5 Thou shalt not bowe downe to them, nether serue them: for I am the Lord thy God, a ielouse God, visiting the iniquitie of the fathers vpon the children, vpon the third generacion and vpon the fourth of them that hate me:

6 And shewing mercie vnto thousandes to them that loue me and kepe my commandements.

7 Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine: for the Lorde wil not holde him guiltles that taketh his Name in vaine.

8 Remembre the Sabbath daie, to kepe it holy.

9 Six daies shalt thou labour, and do all thy worke,
10 But the seuenth daie is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do anie worke, thou, nor thy sonne, nor thy daughter, thy man seruant, nor thy maid, nor thy beast, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.
11 For in sixe daies the Lord made the heauen and the earth, the sea, and all that in them is, & rested the seuenth daie: therefore the Lorde blessed the Sabbath daie, and hallowed it.
12 ¶ Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy daies may be prolonged vpon the land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee.
13 Thou shalt not kil.
14 Thou shalt not commit adulterie.
15 Thou shalt not steale.
16 Thou shalt not beare false witnes against thy neighbour.
17 Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours house, nether shalt thou couet thy neighbours wife, nor his man seruant, nor his maid, nor his oxe, nor his asse, nether any thing that is thy neighbours.
18 ¶ And all the people sawe the thunders, and the lightnings, and the sound of the trumpet, and the mountaine smoking. and when the people sawe it thei fled and stode afarre of,
19 And said vnto Moses, Talke thou with vs, and we will heare: but let not God talke with vs, lest we dye.
20 Then Moses sayde vnto the people, Feare not: for God is come to proue you, & that his feare may be before you, that ye sinne not.
21 So the people stode a far of, but Moses drewe nere vnto the darcknes where God *was*.
22 ¶ And the Lord said vnto Moses, Thus thou shalt say vnto the children of Israel, Ye haue sene that I haue talked with you from heauen.
23 Ye shal not make *therefore* with me gods of siluer, nor gods of golde: you shal make you none.

24 An altar of earth thou shalt make vnto me, & thereon shalt offre thy burnt offrings, & thy peace offrings, thy shepe, & thine oxen: in all places, where I shal put the remembrance of my Name, I will come vnto thee, and blesse thee.

25 But if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not buylde it of hewen stones: for if thou lift vp thy tole vpon them, thou hast polluted them.

26 Neither shalt thou go vp by steppes vnto mine altar, that thy filthines be not discovered thereon.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: 2 Corinthians 2

C H A P. I I.

BVt I determined thus in my self, that I wolde not come againe to you in heauines.

2 For if I make you sorie, who is he then that shulde make me glad, but the same which is made sorie by me?

3 And I wrote this same thing vnto you, lest when I came, I shulde take heauines of them, of whome I oght to reioyce: this confidence haue I in you all, that my ioye is the *ioye* of you all.

4 For in great affliction, and anguish of heart I wrote vnto you with many teares: not that ye shulde be made sorie, but that ye might perceiue the loue which I haue, specially vnto you.

5 And if any hathe caused sorow, the same hathe not made me sorie, but partely (lest I shulde more charge *him*) you all.

6 It is sufficient vnto the same man, that he was rebuked of manie.

7 So that now contrarie wise ye oght rather to forgiue *him*, and comfort *him*, lest the same shulde be swallowed vp with ouer muche heauines.

- 8 Wherefore, I praye you, that you wolde confirme your loue towards him.
- 9 For this cause also did I write, that I might knowe the profe of you, whether yee wolde be obedient in all things.
- 10 To whome ye forgiue anie thing, I *forgiue* also: for verely if I forgaue anie thig, to whome I forgaue it, for your sakes *forgaue I it* in the sight of Christ,
- 11 Lest Satan shulde circumuent vs: for we are not ignorant of his enterprises.
- 12 ¶ Furthermore, when I came to Troas *to preache* Christs Gospel, & a dore was opened vnto me of the Lord,
- 13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I founde not Titus my brother, but toke my leaue of them, and went away into Macedonia.
- 14 Now thankes be vnto God, which alwayes maketh vs to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the sauour of his knowledge by vs in euerie place.
- 15 For we are vnto God the swete sauour of Christ, in them that are saued, and in them which perish.
- 16 To the one *we are* the sauour of death, vnto death, and to the other the sauour of life, vnto life: and who is sufficient for these things?
- 17 For we are not as manie, which make marchandise of the worde of God: but as of synceritie, but as of God in the sight of God speake we in Christ.