

Sonnet 31: Ah why hath nature

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Morning Prayer: Psa 110-3; Deu 2; Luk 5

Evening Prayer: Psa 114-5; Deu 3; Gal 5

Morning Prayer: Psalms 110-113

P S A L. C X.

¶ *A Psalm of Dauid.*

THe Lord said vnto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, vntil I
make thine enemies thy fotestole.

2 The Lorde shal send the rod of thy power out of Zion: be thou
ruler in the middes of thine enemies.

3 Thy people *shal come* willingly at the time *of assembling*: thine
armie in holie beautie: the youth of thy wombe *shalbe* as the
morning dewe.

4 The Lord sware and wil not repent, Thou art a Priest for euer
after ye ordre of Melchi-zedek.

5 The Lorde, *that is* at thy right hand, shal wounde Kings in the
daie of his wrath.

6 He shalbe Iudge among the heathen: he shal fil *all* with dead
bodies, *and* smite the head ouer great countreis.

7 He shal drinke of the brooke in the waie: therefore shal he lift
vp *his* head.

P S A L. C X I.

¶ *Praise ye the Lord.*

IWil praise the Lord with my whole heart in the assemblie and
Congregacion of the iust.

- 2 The workes of the Lord *are* great, and ought to be sought out of all them that loue them.
- 3 His worke *is* beautiful and glorious, and his righteousness endureth for euer.
- 4 He hath made his wonderful workes to be had in remembrance: the Lord *is* merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 He hath given a portion vnto them that feare him: he wil euer be mindeful of his couenant.
- 6 He hath shewed to his people the power of his workes in giuing vnto them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The workes of his hands *are* truth and iudgement: all his statutes are true.
- 8 They are stablished for euer & euer, and are done in truth and equitie.
- 9 He sent redemption vnto his people: he hath commanded his couenant for euer: holie and feareful *is* his Name.
- 10 The beginning of wisdom is the feare of the Lord: all they that obserue them, haue good vnderstanding: his praise endureth for euer.

P S A L. C X I I.

¶ *Praise ye the Lord.*

Blessed is the man, that feareth the Lord, & deliteth greatly in his commandements.

- 2 His sede shall be mightie vpon earth: the generacion of the righteous shall be blessed.
- 3 Riches and treasures *shall be* in his house, and his righteousness endureth for euer.
- 4 Vnto the righteous ariseth light in darkenes: *he is* merciful and full of compassion & righteous.

- 5 A good man *is* merciful and lendeth, *and* wil measure his affaires by iudgement.
- 6 Surely he shal neuer be moued: *but* the righteous shalbe had in euerlasting remembrance.
- 7 He wil not be afraid of euil tidings: *for* his heart is fixed, & beleueth in the Lord.
- 8 His heart is stablished: *therefore* he wil not feare, vntil he se *his desire* vpon his enemies.
- 9 He hathe distributed *and* giuen to the poore: his righteousnes remaineth for euer: his horne shalbe exalted with glorie.
- 10 The wicked shall se it and be angrie: he shal gnash with his teeth, and consume awaie: the desire of the wicked shal perish.

P S A L. C X I I I.

¶ *Praise ye the Lord.*

- PRaise, ô ye seruants of the Lord, praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord from hence forthe and for euer.
- 3 The Lords Name is praised from the rising of the sunne, vnto the going downe of the same.
- 4 The Lord is high aboue all nacions, & his glorie aboue the heauens.
- 5 Who is like vnto the Lord our God, that hathe his dwelling on high!
- 6 Who abaseth him self to beholde *things* in the heauen and in the earth.
- 7 He raiseth the nedie out of the dust, & lifteth vp the poore out of the dung,
- 8 That he maie set him with the princes, *euē* with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the baren woman to dwell with a familie, & a ioyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 2

C H A P. II.

Then we turned, and toke our iourney into the wildernes, by the waie of the red Sea, as the Lorde spake vnto me: and we compassed mount Seir a long time.

2 And the Lord spake vnto me, saying,

3 Ye haue compassed this mountaine long ynough: turne you Northwarde.

4 And warne thou the people, saying, Ye shal go through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwel in Seir, and they shal be afraid of you: take ye good hede therefore.

5 Ye shal not prouoke them: for I wil not giue you of their land so muche as a fote breadth, because I haue giuen mount Seir vnto Esau for a possession.

6 Ye shal buy meat of them for money to eat, and ye shal also procure water of them for money to drinke.

7 For the Lord thy God hathe blessed thee in all the workes of thine hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wildernes, & the Lord thy God hath bene with thee this fourtie yere, *and* thou hast lacked nothing.

8 And when we were departed from our brethren the children of Esau which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plaine, from Elath, & from Ezion-gaber, we turned and went by the way of the wildernes of Moab.

9 Then the Lord said vnto me, Thou shalt not vexe Moab, neither prouoke them to battel: for I wil not giue thee of their land for a

possession, because I haue giuen Ar vnto the children of Lot for a possession.

10 The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, & many, and tall, as the Anakims.

11 They also were taken for gyantes as the Anakims: whome the Moabites call Emims.

12 The Horims also dwelt in Seir before time, whome the children of Esau chased out and destroyed them before them, and dwelt in their stede: as Israel shal do vnto the land of his possession, which the Lord hathe giuen them.

13 Now rise vp, *said I*, and get you ouer the riuer Zered: and we went ouer the riuer Zered.

14 The space also wherein we came from Kadesh-barnea, vntil we were come ouer the riuer Zered, *was* eight and thirtie yeres, vntil all the generacion of the men of warre were wasted out from among the hoste, as the Lord sware vnto them.

15 For in dede the hand of the Lord was against them, to destroye them from among the hoste, til thei were consumed.

16 ¶ So when all the men of warre were consumed and dead from among the people:

17 Then the Lord spake vnto me, saying,

18 Thou shalt goe through Ar the coast of Moab this day:

19 And thou shalt come nere ouer against the children of Ammon: *but* shalt not lay siege vnto them, nor moue warre against them: for I wil not giue thee of the land of the children of Ammon *anie* possession: for I haue giuen it vnto the children of Lot for a possession.

20 That also was taken for a land of gyants: *for* gyants dwelt therein a fore time, whome the Ammonites called Zamzummims:

21 A people *that was* great, & many, & tall, as the Anakims: but the Lord destroyed them before them, & thei succeeded them in their inheritance, and dwelt in their stede:

22 As he did to the children of Esau which dwel in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims before them, & they possessed them, and dwelt in their stede vnto this day.

23 And the Auims which dwelt in Hazerim *euen* vnto Azzah, the Caphtorims which came out of Caphtor destroyed them, and dwelt in their stede.

24 ¶ Rise vp *therefore*, said the Lord: take your iourney, and passe ouer the riuier Arnon: beholde, I haue giuen into thy hand Sihon, the Amorite, King of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possesse it and prouoke him to battel.

25 This day wil I begin to send thy feare & thy dread, vpon all people vnder the heauens, which shal heare thy fame & shal tremble and quake before thee.

26 Then I sent messengers out of the wildernes of Kedemoth vnto Sihon King of Heshbon, with wordes of peace, saying,

27 ¶ Let me passe through thy land: I wil go by the hie way: I wil nether turne vnto the right hand nor to the left.

28 Thou shalt sel me meat for money, for to eat, and shalt giue me water for money for to drinke: onely I wil go through on my fote,

29 (As the children of Esau which dwel in Seir, and the Moabites which dwel in Ar, did vnto me) vntill I be come ouer Iorden, into the land which the Lord our God giueth vs.

30 But Sihon the King of Heshbon would not let vs passe by him: for the Lord thy God had hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinat, because he wolde deliuer him into thine hand, as *appeareth* this day.

31 And the Lorde said vnto me, Beholde, I haue begonne to giue Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possesse and inherit his land.

32 Then came out Sihon to mete vs, him self with all his people to fight at Iahaz.

33 But the Lord our God deliuered him into our power, and we smote him, and his sonnes, and all his people.

34 And we toke all his cities the same time, & destroyed euerie citie, men, & women, & children: we let nothing remaine.

35 Onely the cattel we toke to our selues, & the spoile of the cities which we toke,

36 From Aroer, which is by the banke of the riuer of Arnon, & *from* the citie that is vpon the riuer, euen vnto Gilead: there was not one citie that escaped vs: *for* the Lord our God deliuered vp all before vs.

37 Onely vnto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, *nor* vnto anie place of the riuer Iabbok, nor vnto the cities in the mountaines, nor vnto whatsoever the Lord our God forbade vs.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Luke 5

C H A P. V.

Then it came to passe, as the people preassed vpon him to heare the worde of God, that he stode by the lake of Gennesaret,

2 And sawe two shippes stand by the lakes side, but the fisshermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nettes.

3 And he entred into one of the shippes, which was Simons, and required him that he wolde thrust of a litle from the land: and he sate downe, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 ¶ Now when he had left speaking, he said vnto Simon, Lanche out into the depe, and let downe your nettes to make a draught.

5 Then Simon answered, & said vnto him, Master, we haue trauailed all night, and haue taken nothing: neuertheles at thy worde I wil let downe the net.

6 And when they had so done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes, so that their net brake.

7 And they beckened to their parteners, which were in the other ship, that thei shulde come and helpe them, who came then, and filled bothe the shippes, that they did sinke.

8 Now when Simon Peter sawe it, he fell downe at Iesus knees, saying, Lord, go from me: for I am a sinful man.

9 For he was vtterly astonied, and all that were with him, for the draught of fishes which they toke.

10 And so was also Iames & Iohn the sonnes of Zebedeus, which were companions with Simon. Then Iesus said vnto Simon, Feare not: from hence forthe thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had broght the shippes to land, they forsoke all, & followed him.

12 ¶ Now it came to passe, as he was in a certeine citie, beholde, *there was* a man ful of leprosie, and when he sawe Iesus, he fel on his face, and besoght him, saying, Lord if thou wilt, thou canst make me cleane.

13 So he stretched forthe his hand, & touched him, saying, I wil, be thou cleane. And immediatly the leprosie departed from him.

14 And he commanded him that he shulde tell it no man: but Go, *saith he*, and shewe thy self to the Priest, and offer for thy clensing, as Moses hath commanded, for a witnes vnto them.

15 But so muche more went there a fame abroad of him, and great multitudes came together to heare, and to be healed of him of their infirmities.

16 But he kept him self aparte in the wildernes, and praied.

17 ¶ And it came to passe, on a certeine daye, as he was teaching, that the Pharises & doctours of the Law sate by, which were come out of euerie towne of Galile, and Iudea, and Ierusalem, & the power of the Lord was *in him* to heale them.

18 Then beholde, men broght a man lying in a bed, which was taken with a palsie, and they soght meanes to bring him in, and to laie him before him.

19 And when they colde not finde by what way they might bring him in, because of the preasse, they went vp on the house, & let him downe through the tiling, bed & all, in the middes before Iesus.

20 And when he sawe their faith, he said vnto him, Man, thy sinnes are forgiuen thee.

21 Then the Scribes and the Pharises began to thinke, saying, Who is this that speaketh blasphemies? who can forgiue sinnes, but God onelie?

22 But when Iesus perceiued their thoughts, he answered, and said vnto them, What thinke ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier to say, Thy sinnes are forgiuen thee, or to say, Rise and walke?

24 But that ye may know that that Sonne of man hathe autoritie to forgiue sinnes in earth, (he sayd vnto the sicke of the palsie) I say to thee, Arise: take vp thy bed, & go to thine house.

25 And immediatly he rose vp before them, and toke vp *his bed* whereon he laie, and departed to his owne house, praising God.

26 And they were all amased, and praised God, and were filled with feare, saying, Douteles we haue sene strange things to daye.

27 ¶ And after that, he went forthe and sawe a Publicane named Leui, sitting at the receite of custome, & said vnto him, Followe me.

28 And he left all, rose vp, and folowed him.

29 Then Leui made him a great feast in his owne house, where there was a great companie of Publicanes, & of other, that sate at table with them.

30 But they that were Scribes and Pharises among them, murmured against his disciples, saying, Why eat ye & drinke ye with Publicanes and sinners?

31 Then Iesus answered, and said vnto them, They that are whole, nede not the physicion, but they that are sicke.

32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

33 ¶ Then they said vnto him, Why do the disciples of Iohn fast often, and pray, and the *disciples* of the Pharises also, but thine eat and drinke?

34 And he said vnto them, Can ye make the children of the wedding chamber to fast, as long as the bridegrome is with them?

35 But the dayes wil come, euen when the bridegrome shalbe taken away from them: then shal they fast in those dayes.

36 Againe he spake also vnto them a parable, No man putteth a piece of a newe garment into an olde vesture: for then the newe renteth it, and the piece taken out of the new, agreeth not with the olde.

37 Also no man powreth newe wine into olde vessels: for then the newe wine wil breake the vessels, and it will runne out, & the vessels wil perish.

38 But newe wine must be powred into newe vessels: so bothe are preserued.

39 Also no man that drinketh olde wine, straight way desireth newe: for he saith, The olde is better.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 114-5

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

When Israel went out of Egypt, & the house of Iaakob from
the barbarous people,

2 Iudah was his sanctification, & Israel his dominion.

3 The Sea sawe it and fled: Iorden was turned backe.

4 The mountaines leaped like rams, & the hilles as lambs.

5 What ailed thee, ô Sea, that thou fleddest? ô Iorden, *why* wast
thou turned backe?

6 Ye mountaines, *why* leaped ye like rams, *and ye* hilles as
lambs?

7 The earth trembled at the presence of the Lord, at the presence
of the God of Iaakob.

8 Which turneth the rocke into waterpooles, & the flint into a
fountaine of water.

P S A L. C X V.

Not vnto vs, ô Lord, not vnto vs, but vnto thy Name giue the
glorie, for thy louing mercie *and* for thy trueths sake.

2 Wherefore shal the heathen saie, Where is now their God?

3 But our God *is* in heauen: he doeth what soeuer he wil.

4 Their idoles *are* siluer and golde, *euen* the worke of mens
hands.

5 Thei haue a mouth and speake not: thei haue eyes and se not.

6 Thei haue eares and heare not: thei haue noses and smell not.

7 Thei haue hands and touche not: thei haue fete and walke not:
nether make thei a sounde with their throte.

8 Thei that make them are like vnto them: *so are* all that trust in
them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the Lord: *for* he is their helpe and their
shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust ye in the Lord: *for* he is their helpe
and their shield.

- 11 Ye that feare the Lord, trust in the Lord: *for* he is their helper and their shield.
- 12 The Lord hathe bene mindeful of vs: he wil blesse, he wil blesse the house of Israel, he wil blesse the house of Aaron.
- 13 He wil bleses them that feare the Lord, bothe smal and great.
- 14 The Lord wil encrease *his graces* toward you, *euen* toward you and toward your children.
- 15 Ye are blessed of the Lord, which made the heauen and the earth.
- 16 The heauens, *euen* the heauens *are* the Lords: but he hathe giuen the earth to the sonnes of men.
- 17 The dead praise not the Lord, nether anie that go downe into the *place* of silence.
- 18 But we wil praise the Lord from hence forthe and for euer. Praise ye the Lord.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 3

CHAP. III.

THen we turned, and went vp by the way of Bashan: and Og King of Bashan came out against vs, he, and all his people to fight at Edrei.

2 And the Lord said vnto me, Feare him not, for I wil deliuer him, and all his people, and his land into thine hand, & thou shalt do vnto him as thou didest vnto Sihon King of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

3 So the Lord our God deliuered also vnto our hand, Og the King of Bashan, & all his people: and we smote him, vntil none was left him *aliue*,

4 And we toke all his cities the same time, nether was there a citie which we toke not from them, *euen* thre score cities, *and* all the countrey of Argob, the kingdome of Og in Bashan.

5 All these cities *were* fenced with hie walles, gates and barres, beside vnwalled townes a great many.

6 And we ouerthrewe them, as we did vnto Sihon King of Heshbon, destroying euerie citie, *with* men, women, & children.

7 But all the cattel and the spoile of the cities we toke for our selues.

8 Thus we toke at that time out of the hand of two Kings of the Amorites, the land that was on this side Iorden from the riuer of Arnon vnto mount Hermon:

9 (Which Hermon the Sidonians call Shirion, but the Amorites call it Shenir)

10 All the cities of the plaine, and all Gilead, and all Bashan vnto Salchah, and Edrei, cities of the kingdome of Og in Bashan.

11 For onelie Og King of Bashan remained of the remnant of the gyants, whose bed *was* a bed of yron: is it not at Rabbath among the children of Ammon? the length thereof *is* nine cubites, and foure cubites the bredth of it, after the cubite of a man.

12 And this land *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the riuer of Arnon, and halfe mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gaue I vnto the Reubenites and Gadites.

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdome of Og, gaue I vnto the halfe tribe of Manasseh: *euen* all the countrey of Argob with all Bashan, which is called, The land of gyantes.

14 Iair the sonne of Manasseh toke all the countrey of Argob, vnto the coastes of Geshuri, and of Maachathi: and called them after his owne name, Bashan, Hauoth Iair vnto this day.

15 And I gaue *parte* of Gilead vnto Machir.

16 And vnto the Reubenites and Gadites I gaue *the rest* of Gilead, and vnto the riuer of Arnon, halfe the riuer and the borders, euen vnto the riuer Iabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon:

17 The plaine also and Iorden, & the borders from Chinnereth euen vnto the Sea of the plaine, *to wit*, the salt Sea vnder the springs of Pisgah Eastwarde.

18 ¶ And I commanded you the same time, saying, The Lord your God hath giuen you this land to possesse it: ye shal go ouer armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all men of warre.

19 Your wiues onelie, & your children, & your cattel (for I knowe that ye haue muche cattel) shal abide in your cities, which I haue giuen you,

20 Vntil the Lord haue giuen rest vnto your brethren as vnto you, and that thei also possesse the land, which the Lord your God hathe giuen them beyond Iorden: then shal ye returne euerie man vnto his possession, which I haue giuen you.

21 ¶ And I charged Ioshua the same time, saying, Thine eies haue sene all that the Lord your God hathe done vnto these two Kings: so shal the Lord do vnto all the kingdomes whither thou goest.

22 Ye shal not feare them: for the Lord your God, he shal fight for you.

23 And I besoght the Lord the same time, saying,

24 O Lord God, thou haste begonne to shewe thy seruant thy greatnes and thy mightie hand: for where is there a God in heauen or in earth, that can do like thy workes, and like thy power?

25 I pray thee let me go ouer and se the good land that is beyond Iorden, that goodlie mountaine, and Lebanon.

26 But the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and wolde not heare me: and the Lord said vnto me, Let it suffice thee, speake no more vnto me of this matter.

27 Get thee vp into the top of Pisgah, and lift vp thine eyes Westward, and Northwarde, and Southward, and Eastward, & beholde it with thine eyes, for thou shalt not go ouer this Iorden:

28 But charge Ioshua, and incourage him, and bolden him: for he shal go before this people, and he shal deuide for inheritance vnto them, the land which thou shalt se.

29 So we abode in the valley ouer against Beth-Peor.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Galatians 5

C H A P. V.

STand fast therefore in the libertie wherewith Christ hathe made vs fre, and be not intangled againe with the yoke of bondage.

2 Beholde, I Paul say vnto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shal profite you nothing.

3 For I testifie againe to euerie man, which is circumcised, that he is bound to kepe the whole Law.

4 Ye are abolished from Christ: whosoeuer are iustified by the Law, ye are fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit waite for the hope of righteousnes through faith.

6 For in Iesus Christ nether circumcision auailleth anie thing, neither vncircumcision, but faith which worketh by loue.

7 Ye did runne wel: who did let you, that ye did not obeie the trueth?

8 It *is* not the persuasion of him that calleth you.

9 A litle leauen doeth leauen the whole lompe.

10 I haue trust in you through the Lord, that ye wil be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you, shal beare *his* condemnacion, whosoeuer he be.

11 And brethren, if I yet preache circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecucion? Then is the sclander of the crosse abolished.

12 Wolde to God they were euen cut of, which do disquiet you.

13 For brethren, ye haue bene called vnto libertie: onelie vse not *your* libertie as an occasion vnto the flesh, but by loue serue one another.

14 For all the Law is fulfilled in one worde, which is this, Thou shalt loue thy neighbour as thy self.

15 If ye byte & deuoure one another, take hede lest ye be consumed one of another.

16 Then I say, walke in the Spirit, and ye shal not fulfil the lustes of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrarie one to another, so that ye can not do the same things that ye wolde.

18 And if ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not vnder the Law.

19 Moreouer the workes of the flesh are manifest, which are adulterie, fornication, vnclennes, wantonnes,

20 Idolatrie, witchcraft, hatred, debate, emulacions, wrath, contentions, sedicions, heresies,

21 Enuie, murthers, dronkennes, gluttonie, and suche like, whereof I tell you before, as I also haue tolde you before, that they which do suche things, shal not inherite the kingdome of God.

22 But the frute of the Spirit is loue, ioye, peace, long suffring, gentlenes, goodnes, faith,

23 Mekenes, temperancie: against suche there is no Law.

24 For they that are Christs, haue crucified the flesh with the affections and the lustes.

25 If we liue in the Spirit, let vs also walke in the Spirit.

26 Let vs not be desirous of vaine glorie, prouoking one another, enuying one another.

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