

Sonnet 41: Is it her nature

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Morning Prayer: Psa 15-17; Deu 22; Luk 15

Evening Prayer: Psa 18; Deu 24; Phi 3

Morning Prayer: Psalms 15-17

P S A L. X V.

¶ *A Psalm of Dauid.*

Lord, who shall dwel in thy Tabernacle? who shal rest in thine
holie Mountayne?

2 He that walketh vprightly and worketh righteousnes, and
speaketh the trueth in his heart.

3 He that sclandreth not with his tongue, nor doeth euil to his
neighbour, nor receiueh a false reporte against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile persone is contemned, but he *honoreth*
them that feare the Lord: he that sweareth to his *owne* hinderance
and changeth not.

5 He that giueth not his money vnto vsurie, nor taketh rewarde
against the innocent: he that doeth these things, shal neuer be
moued.

P S A L. X V I.

¶ *Michtam of Dauid.*

PReserue me, ô God: for in thee do I trust.

2 *O my soule*, thou hast said vnto the Lord, Thou art my
Lord: my weldoing *extendeth* not to thee,

3 *But* to the Saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent: all
my delite is in them.

- 4 The sorowes of them, that offer to an other *god*, shal be multiplied: their offrings of blood wil I not offer, nether make mencion of their names with my lippes.
- 5 The Lorde *is* the porcion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou shalt mainteine my lot.
- 6 The lines are fallen vnto me in pleasant places: yea, I haue a faire heritage.
- 7 I wil praise the Lorde, who hath giuen me counsel: my reines also teache me in the nights.
- 8 I haue set the Lord alwayes before me: for he is at my right hand: *therefore* I shal not slide.
- 9 Wherefore mine heart is glad and my tongue reioyceth: my flesh also doeth rest in hope.
- 10 For thou wilt not leaue my soule in the graue: nether wilt thou suffer thine holie one to se corruption.
- 11 Thou wilt shewe me the path of life: in thy presence *is* the fulnes of ioye: *and* at thy right hand there *are* pleasures for euermore.

P S A L. X V I I.

¶ *The prayer of Dauid.*

HEare the right, ô Lord, consider my crye: hearken vnto my prayer of lips vnfained.

- 2 Let my sentence come forthe from thy presence, & let thine eyes beholde equitie.
- 3 Thou hast proued & visited mine heart in the night: thou hast tryed me, & foundest nothing: *for* I was purposed that my mouth shulde not offend.
- 4 Concerning the workes of men, by the wordes of thy lippes I kept me from the paths of the cruel man.
- 5 Stay my steps in thy paths, that my fete do not slide.

- 6 I haue called vpon thee: surely thou wilt heare me, ô God:
incline thine eare to me, & hearken vnto my wordes.
- 7 Shewe thy maruelous mercies, *thou* that art the Sauour of them
that trust *in thee*, from suche as resist thy right hand.
- 8 Keepe me as the apple of the eye: hide me vnder the shadow of
thy wings,
- 9 From the wicked that oppresse me, *from mine* enemies, which
compasse me rounde about for *my soule*.
- 10 They are inclosed in their owne fatt, *and* they haue spoken
proudly with their mouth.
- 11 They haue compassed vs now in our steps: they haue set their
eyes to bring downe to the ground:
- 12 Like as a lyon that is gredie of praye, & as it were a Lyons
whelp lurking in secret places.
- 13 Vp Lord, disapoint him: cast him downe: deliuer my soule
from the wicked with thy sworde,
- 14 From men by thine hand, ô Lord, from men of the worlde, who
haue their porcion in this life, whose belies thou fillest with thine
hid treasure: their children haue ynough, and leaue the rest of their
substance for their children.
- 15 *But* I will beholde thy face in righteousnes, & when I awake, I
shalbe satisfied with thine image.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 22

CHAP. XXII.

THou shalt not se thy brothers oxen nor his shepe go astray, and
withdrawe thy selfe from them, *but* shalt bring the againe
vnto thy brother.

- 2 And if thy brother be not nere vnto thee, or if thou knowe him
not, then thou shalt bring it into thine house, and it shal remaine

with thee, vntil thy brother seke after it: then shalt thou deliuer it to him againe.

3 In like maner shalt thou do with his asse, and so shalt thou do with his raiment, and shalt so do with all loste things of thy brother, which he hathe lost: if thou hast found them, thou shalt not withdrawe thy selfe *from them*.

4 ¶ Thou shalt not se thy brothers asse nor his oxe fall downe by the way, and withdraw thy selfe from them, *but* shalt lifte them vp with him.

5 The woman shal not weare that which pertaineth vnto the man, nether shal a man put on womans raiment: for all that do so, *are* abominacion vnto the Lord thy God.

6 ¶ If thou finde a birdes nest in the way, in anie tre, or on the ground, *whether they be* yong or egges, and the dam sitting vpon the yong, or vpon the egges, thou shalt not take ye dam with the yong,

7 *But* shalt in anie wise let the dam go and take the yong to thee, that thou maiest prosper and prolong thy dayes.

8 ¶ When thou buyldest a newe house, thou shalt make a batelment on thy roof, that thou lay not blood vpon thine house, if anie man fall thence.

9 ¶ Thou shalt not sowe thy vineyard with diuers kindes of sedes, lest thou defile the increase of the sede which thou hast sowen, and the frute of the vineyarde.

10 ¶ Thou shalt not plowe with an oxe and an asse together.

11 ¶ Thou shalt not weare *a garment* of diuers sortes, as of woollen and linen together.

12 ¶ Thou shalt make thee fringes vpon the foure quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou couerest thy selfe.

13 ¶ If a man take a wife, and when he hathe lien with her, hate her,

14 And lay slanderous thinges vnto her charge, and bring vp an euil name vpon her, and say, I toke this wife, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid,

15 Then shal the father of the maid and her mother take and bring the signes of the maides virginitie vnto the Elders of the citie to the gate.

16 And the maides father shall say vnto the Elders, I gaue my daughter vnto this man to wife, and he hateth her:

17 And lo, he laieth slanderous things vnto her charge, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid: lo, these *are the tokens* of my daughters virginitie: and they shal spreade the vesture before the Elders of the citie.

18 Then the Elders of the citie shal take that man and chastice him,

19 And shal condemne him in an hundreth *shekels* of siluer, and giue them vnto the father of the maid, because he hathe broght vp an euil name vpon a maid of Israel: & she shalbe his wife, & he may not put her away all his life.

20 ¶ But if this thing be true, that the maide be not found a virgin,

21 Then they shal bring forthe the maide to the dore of her fathers house, and the men of her citie shal stone her with stones to death: for she hathe wrought follie in Israel, by playing the whore in her fathers house: so thou shalt put euil away from among you.

22 ¶ If a man be found lying with a woman married to a man, then they shal dye euen bothe twaine: *to wit*, the man that lay with the wife, and the wife: so thou shalt put away euil from Israel.

23 ¶ If a maide be betrothed vnto an housband, and a man finde her in the towne and lie with her,

24 Then shal ye bring them bothe out vnto the gates of the same citie, and shal stone them with stones to death: the maide because she cryed not, *being* in the citie, and the man, because he hathe

humbled his neighbours wife: so thou shalt put away euil from among you.

25 ¶ But if a man finde a betrothed maide in the field, and force her, and lye with her, then the man that lay with her, shal dye alone:

26 And vnto the maide thou shalt do nothing, because there is in the maide no cause of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour and wondeth him to death, so is this matter.

27 For he found her in the fields: the betrothed maide cryed, and there was no man to succour her.

28 ¶ If a man finde a maide that is not betrothed, and take her, and lye with her, & they be founde,

29 Then the man that lay with her, shal giue vnto the maides father fifty *shekels* of siluer: and she shal be his wife, because he hath humbled her: he can not put her away all his life.

30 ¶ No man shal take his fathers wife, nor shall vncouer his fathers skirt.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Luke 15

C H A P. X V.

Then resorted vnto him all the Publicanes, and sinners, to heare him.

2 Therefore the Pharises and Scribes murmured, saying, He receiueth sinners, & eateth with them.

3 Then spake hee this parable to them, saying,

4 What man of you hauing an hundreth shepe, if he loose one of them, doeth not leaue ninetie and nine in the wildernes, & go after that which is lost, vntil he finde it?

5 And when he hath founde it, he laieth it on his sholders with ioye.

6 And when he commeth home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying vnto them, Reioyce with me: for I haue founde my shepe which was lost.

7 I say vnto you, that likewise ioye shalbe in heauen for one sinner that conuerteth, *more* then for ninetie and nine iuste men, which nede none amendement of life.

8 Ether what woman hauing ten pieces of siluer, if she loose one piece, doeth not light a candel, & swepe the house, and seke diligently til she finde it?

9 And when she hathe founde it, she calleth her friends, and neighbours, saying, Reioyce with me: for I haue found the piece which I had lost.

10 Likewise I say vnto you, there is ioye in the presence of the Angels of God, for one sinner that conuerteth.

11 ¶ He sayde moreouer, A certeine man had two sonnes.

12 And the yonger of them said to his father, Father, giue me the portion of the goods that falleth to me. So he deuided vnto them *his* substance.

13 So not long after, when the yonger son had gathered all together, he toke his iorney into a farre countrey, and there he wasted his goods with riotous liuing.

14 Nowe when he had spent all, there arose a great dearth throughout that land, and he began to be in necessitie.

15 Then he went and claue to a citizen of that countrey, and he sent him to his farme, to feede swine.

16 And he wolde faine haue filled his bellie with the huskes, that the swine ate: but no man gaue *them* him.

17 Then he came to him self, and said, How manie hired seruaunts at my fathers haue bread ynough, and I dye for hunger?

18 I wil rise and go to my father, and say vnto him, Father, I haue sinned against heauen, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthie to be called thy sonne: make me as one of thy hired seruants.

20 So he arose and came to his father, and when he was yet a great way of, his father sawe him, and had compassion, and ran & fel on his necke, and kissed him.

21 And the sonne said vnto him, Father, I haue sinned against heauen, and before thee, and am no more worthie to be called thy sonne.

22 Then the father said to his seruaunts, Bring forthe the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feete,

23 And bring the fat calf, and kil him, and let vs eat, and be merie.

24 For this my sonne was dead, and is aliue againe: and he was lost, but he is founde. And they began to be merie.

25 Now the Elder brother was in the field, and when he came and drewe nere to the house, he heard melodie, and dancing,

26 And called one of his seruants, & asked what those things ment.

27 And he said vnto him, Thy brother is come, and thy father hathe killed the fatted calfe, because he hathe receiued him safe and sounde.

28 Then he was angrie, & wolde not go in: therefore came his father out and entreated him.

29 But he answered & said to his father, Lo these manie yeres haue I done thee seruice, nether brake I at anie time thy commadement, & yet thou neuer gauest me a kid that I might make merie with my friends.

30 But when this thy sonne was come, which hathe deuoured thy goods with harlots, thou hast for his sake killed the fat calfe.

31 And he said vnto him, Sonne, thou art euer with me, and all that I haue, is thine. It was mete that we shulde make mery, & be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is aliue againe: and he was lost, but he is founde.

Evening Prayer: Psalm 18

PSAL. XVIII.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of Dauid the seruant of the Lord, which spake vnto the Lord the wordes of this song (in the day that the Lord deliuered him for the hand of all his enemies, & from the hand of Saul) and said,

I Will love thee dearly, ô Lord my strength.

2 The Lord *is* my rocke, and my fortresse, and he that deliuereth me, my God & my strength: in him wil I trust, my shield, the horne also of my salvacion, & my refuge.

3 I wil call vpon the Lorde, which is worthie to be praised: so shal I be safe from mine enemies.

4 The sorowes of death compassed me, and the floods of wickednes made me afraide.

5 The sorowes of the graue haue compassed me about: the snares of death ouertoke me.

6 *But* in my trouble did I call vpon the Lord, and cryed vnto my God: he heard my voyce out of his Temple, and my crye did come before him, *euen* into his eares.

7 Then the earth trembled, and quaked: the foundations also of the mountaines moued and shoke, because he was angrie.

8 Smoke went out at his nostrels, & a consuming fyre out of his mouth: coles were kindled thereat.

9 He bowed the heauens also and came downe, and darkenes *was* vnder his fete.

10 And he rode vpon Cherub and did flie, and he came flying vpon the wings of the winde.

11 He made darkenes his secrete place, & his paulion round about him, *euen* darkenes of waters, and cloudes of the aire.

12 At the brightnes of his presence his clouds passed, haylestones and coles of fyre.

13 The Lord also thundred in the heauen, and the Highest gaue his voyce, hailestones and coles of fyre.

14 Then hee sent out his arrowes & scatered them, and he increased lightnings and destroyed them.

15 And the chanel of waters were sene, and the foundations of the worlde were discouered at thy rebuking, ô Lord, at the blasting of the breath of thy nostrels.

16 He hathe sent downe from aboue *and* taken me: he hathe drawen me out of manie waters.

17 He hathe deliuered me from my strong enemie, and from them which hate me: for they were to strong for me.

18 They preuented me in the daye of my calamitie: but the Lord was my stay.

19 He broght me forthe also into a large place: he deliuered me because he faouored me.

20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousnes: according to the purenes of mine hands he recompensed me:

21 Because I kept the wayes of the Lord, & did not wickedly against my God.

22 For all his Lawes *were* before me, and I did not cast away his commandements from me.

23 I was vpriht also with him, & haue kept me from my wickednes.

24 Therefore the Lord rewarded me according to my
righteousnes, & according to the purenes of mine hands in his
sight.

25 With the godlie thou wilt shewe thy self godlie: with the
vpright man thou wilt shewe thy self vpright.

26 With the pure thou wilt shewe thy self pure, & with the
frowarde thou wilt shewe thy self froward.

27 Thus thou wilt saue the poore people, & wilt cast downe the
proude lokes.

28 Surely thou wilt light my candel: the Lord my God wil lighten
my darkenes.

29 For by thee I haue broken through an hoste, and by my God I
haue leaped ouer a wall.

30 The waye of God is vncorrupt: the worde of the Lord is tried
in the fyre: he is a shield to all that trust in him.

31 For who is God besides the Lord? And who is mightie saue
our God?

32 God girdeth me with strength, and maketh my waye vpright.

33 He maketh my fete like hindes *fete*, and setteth me vpon mine
high places.

34 He teacheth mine hands to fight: so that a bowe of brasse is
broken with mine armes.

35 Thou hast also giuen me the shield of thy saluacion, and thy
right hand hath stayed me, and thy louing kindenes hath caused
me to increase.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steppes vnder me, and mine heles haue
not slid.

37 I haue pursued mine enemies, and taken them, and haue not
turned againe til I had consumed them.

38 I haue wounded them, that they were not able to rise: they are
fallen vnder my fete.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength to battel: them, that rose against me, thou hast subdued vnder me.

40 And thou hast giuen me the neckes of mine enemies, that I might destroye them that hate me.

41 They cryed but there was none to saue *them, euen* vnto the Lord, but he answered them not.

42 Then I did beate them smale as the dust before the winde: I did treade them flat as the claye in the stretes.

43 Thou hast deliuered me from the contentions of the people: thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people, *whome* I haue not knowen, shal serue me.

44 As soone as thei heare, thei shal obey me: the strangers shal be in subiECTION to me.

45 Strangers shal shrinke away, & feare in their priuie chambers.

46 Let the Lord liue, and blessed be my strength, and the God of my saluacion be exalted.

47 *It is* God that giueth me *power* to auenge me, and subdueth the people vnder me.

48 O my deliuerer from mine enemies, euen thou hast set mee vp from them, that rose against me: thou hast deliuered mee from the cruel man.

49 Therefore I will praise thee, ô Lord, among the nations, and wil sing vnto thy Name.

50 Great deliuerances giueth he vnto his King, & sheweth mercie to his anointed, *euen* to Dauid, and to his sede for euer.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 24

C H A P. X X I I I I.

When a man taketh a wife, and marieth her, if so be she finde no fauour in his eyes, because he hath espied some

filthines in her, then let him write her a bil of diuorcement, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2 And when she is departed out of his house, and gone her way, and mary with an other man,

3 And if the later housband hate her, and write her a letter of diuorcement, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house, or if the later man dye which toke her to wife:

Then her first housband, which sent her away, may not take her againe to be his wife, after that she is defiled: for that *is* abominacion in the sight of the Lord, and thou shalt not cause the land to sinne, which the Lord thy God doeth giue thee to inherit.

5 ¶ When a man taketh a newe wife, he shal not go a warfare, nether shalbe charged with anie busines, but shalbe fre at home one yere, and reioyce with his wife which he hathe taken.

6 ¶ No man shal take the nether nor the vpper milstone to pledge: for this gage is *his* liuing.

7 ¶ If any man be found stealing anie of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh marchandise of him, or selleth him, that thefe shal dye. so shalt thou put euil away from among you.

8 ¶ Take hede of the plague of leprosie, that thou obserue diligently, & do according to all that the Priests of the Leuites shal teache you: take hede ye do as I commanded them.

9 Remember what the Lord thy God did vnto Miriam by the way after that ye were come out of Egypt.

10 ¶ Whe thou shalt aske againe of thy neighbour anie thing lent, thou shalt not go into his house to fet his pledge.

11 But thou shalt stand without, and the man that borowed it of thee, shall bring the pledge out of the dores vnto thee.

12 Furthermore if it be a poore bodie, thou shalt not slepe with his pledge,

13 *But* shalt restore him the pledge when the sunne goeth downe, that he may slepe in his rayment, & blesse thee: & it shalbe righteousnes vnto thee, before the Lord thy God.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not oppresse an hired seruant that is nedy and poore, *nether* of thy brethren, nor of the stranger that is in thy land within thy gates.

15 Thou shalt giue him his hire for his day, *nether* shal the sunne go downe vpon it: for he is poore, & therewith susteineth his life: lest he crye against thee vnto the Lord, and it be sinne vnto thee.

16 ¶ The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children put to death for the fathers, but euerir man shalbe put to death for his owne sinne.

17 ¶ Thou shalt not peruert the right of the stranger, *nor* of the fatherles, nor take a widowes raiment to pledge.

18 But remember that thou wast a seruant in Egypt, & how the Lord thy God deliuered thee thence. therefore I commande thee to do this thing.

19 ¶ When thou cuttest downe thine haruest in thy field, & hast forgotten a sheafe in the fielde, thou shalt not go againe to fet it, *but* it shalbe for the stranger, for the fatherles, for the widow: that the Lord thy God may blesse thee in all the workes of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine oliue tree, thou shalt not go ouer the boughes againe, *but* it shalbe for the stranger, for the fatherles, and for the widow.

21 When thou gatherest thy vineyard, thou shalt not gather the grapes cleane after thee, *but* thei shalbe for the stranger, for the fatherles and for the widow.

22 And remember that thou wast a seruant in the land of Egypt: therefore I commande thee to do this thing.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Philippians 3

CHAP. III.

MOREouer, my brethren, reioyce in the Lord. It griueth me not to write the same things to you, and for you it is a sure thing.

2 Beware of dogges: beware of euil workers: beware of the concision.

3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, & reioyce in Christ Iesus, & haue no confidence in the flesh:

4 Though I might also haue confidence in the flesh. If anie other man thinketh that he hathe whereof he might trust in the flesh, muche more I:

5 Circumcised the eight day, of the kinred of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Ebrewe of the Ebrewes, by the law a Pharise.

6 Concerning zeale, I persecuted the Church: touching the righteousnes which is in the Law, I was vnrebukeable.

7 But the thinges that were vantage vnto me, the same I counted losse for Christs sake.

8 Yea, doubtles I thinke all thinges but losse for the excellent knowledge sake of Christ Iesus my Lord, for whome I haue counted all things losse, and do iudge *them* to be dongue, that I might winne Christ,

9 And might be founde in him, *that is*, not hauing mine owne righteousnes, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, *euen* the righteousnes which is of God through faith,

10 That I may knowe him, and the vertue of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his afflictions, and be made conformable vnto his death,

11 If by anie meanes I might atteine vnto the resurrection of the dead:

12 Not as thogh I had alreadie attained *to it*, ether were alreadie perfect: but I followe, if that I may comprehend *that* for whose sake also I am comprehended of Christ Iesus.

13 Brethren, I count not my self, that I haue attained *to it*, but one thing *I do*: I forget that which is behinde, and endeouore my self vnto that which is before,

14 And followe hard toward the marke, for the prise of the hie calling of God in Christ Iesus.

15 Let vs therefore as manie as be perfect, be thus minded: and if ye be otherwise minded, God shal reueile euen the same vnto you.

16 Neuertheles, *in that* whereunto we are come, let vs procede by one rule, that we may minde one thing.

17 Brethren, bee folowers of me, and loke on them, which walke so, as ye haue vs for an ensample.

18 For manie walke, of whome I haue told you often, & now tell you weping, *that they are* the enemies of the Crosse of Christ:

19 Whose end *is* damnacion, whose God *is their* belie, and *whose* glorie *is* to their shame, which minde earthlie things.

20 But our conuersacion is in heauen, from whence also we loke for the Sauour, *euen* the Lord Iesus Christ,

21 Who shal change our vile bodie, that it may be facioned like vnto his glorious bodie, according to the working, whereby he is able euen to subdue all things vnto him self.

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