

Sonnet 52: So oft as homeward I

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Morning Prayer: Psalms 71-72

P S A L. L X X I.

IN thee, ô Lord, I trust: let me neuer be ashamed.

2 Rescue me and deliuer me in thy righteousnes: incline thine eare vnto me and saue me.

3 Be thou my strong rocke, whereunto I maie alwaie resort: thou hast giuen commandement to saue me: for thou art my rocke, and my fortresse.

4 Deliuer me, ô my God, out of the hand of the wicked: out of the hand of the euil and cruel man.

5 For thou art mine hope, ô Lord God, *euen* my trust from my youth.

6 Vpon thee haue I bene staid from the wombe: thou art he that toke me out of my mothers bowels: my praise shal be alwaies of thee.

7 I am become as it were a monst e vnto manie: but thou art my sure trust.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise, & with thy glorie euerie daie.

9 Cast mee not of in the time of age: forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speake of me, & they that laie waite for my soule, take their counsel together,

- 11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: pursue and take him, for their is none to deliuer *him*.
- 12 Go not farre from me, ô God: my God, haste thee to helpe me.
- 13 Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are against my soule: let them be couered with reprove & confusion, that seke mine hurt.
- 14 But I wil waite continually, & wil praise thee more and more.
- 15 My mouth shal daily rehearse thy righteousnes, *and* thy saluacion: for I knowe not the number.
- 16 I wil go forwarde in the strength of the Lord God, *and* wil make mention of thy righteousnes, *euen* of thine onely.
- 17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth euen vntil now: *therefore* wil I tel of thy wonderous workes,
- 18 Yea, euen vnto *mine* olde age and graie head, ô God: forsake me not, vntil I haue declared thine arme vnto *this* generation, & thy power to all them, that shal come.
- 19 And thy righteousnes, ô God, *I wil exalt* on high: for thou hast done great things: ô God, who is like vnto thee!
- 20 Which hast shewed me great troubles and aduersities, *but* thou wilt returne, *and* reuiue me, and wilt come againe, *and* take me vp from the depth of the earth.
- 21 Thou wilt increase mine honour, & returne *and* comfort me.
- 22 Therefore wil I praise thee *for* thy faithfulnes, ô God, vpon instrument *and* viole: vnto thee wil I sing vpon the harpe, ô Holie one of Israel.
- 23 My lippes wil reioyce when I sing vnto thee, and my soule, which thou hast deliuered.
- 24 My tongue also shal talke of thy righteousnes daily: for they are confounded & brought vnto shame, that seke mine hurt.

¶ A Psalme of Salomon.

Glue thy iudgements to the King, ô God, and thy righteousnes to the Kings sonne.

2 *Then* shal he iudge thy people in righteousnes, and thy poore with equitie.

3 The mountaines and the hils shal bring peace to the people by iustice.

4 He shal iudge the poore of the people: he shal saue the children of the nedie, and shal subdue the oppressor.

5 They shal feare thee as long as the sunne and moone endureth, fro generation to generation.

6 He shal come downe like the raine vpon the mowen grasse, & as the showres that water the earth.

7 In his daies shal the righteous flourish, & abundance of peace *shalbe* so long as the moone endureth.

8 His dominion shalbe also from sea to sea, and from the Riuier vnto the ends of the land.

9 They that dwell in ye wildernes, shall knele before him, and his enemies shall licke the dust.

10 The Kings of Tarshish & of the yles shal bring presentes: the Kings of Sheba and Seba shal bring giftes.

11 Yea, all Kings shal worship him: all nations shal serue him.

12 For he shal deliuer the poore when he cryeth: the nedie also, and him that hathe no helper.

13 He shalbe merciful to the poore and nedie, and shal preserue the soules of the poore.

14 He shal redeme their soules from deceit and violence, and deare shal their blood be in his sight.

15 Yea, he shal liue, and vnto him shal they giue of the golde of Sheba: they shal also pray for him continually, *and* daily blesse him.

16 An handful of corne shalbe *sowen* in the earth, *euen* in the top of the mountaines, *and* the frute thereof shal shake like *the trees* of Lebanon: and the *children* shal florish out of the citie like the grasse of the earth.

17 His name shalbe for euer: his name shal indure as long as the sunne: all nations shal blesse him, and be blessed in him.

18 Blessed *be* the Lord God, *euen* the God of Israel, which onely doeth wonderous things.

19 And blessed *be* his glorious Name for euer: and let all the earth be filled with his glorie. So be it, euen so be it.

HERE END THE praiers of Dauid, the sonne of Ishai.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Joshua 23

CHAP. XXIII.

ANd a long season after that the Lord had giuen rest vnto Israel from all their enemies round about, & Ioshua was olde, and striken in age,

2 Then Ioshua called all Israel, & their Elders, and their heads, and their iudges, and their officers, and said vnto them, I am olde, & striken in age.

3 Also ye haue sene all that the Lord your God hathe done vnto all these nacions before you, how the Lord your God him selfe hathe fought for you.

4 Beholde, I haue deuided vnto you by lot these nacions that remaine, to be an inheritance according to your tribes, from Iorden, with all the nacions that I haue destroyed, euen vnto the great Sea Westward.

5 And the Lord your God shall exp l them before you, & cast them out of your sight, and ye shall possesse their land, as the Lord your God hathe said vnto you.

6 Be ye therefore of a valiant courage, to obserue and do all that is written in the booke of the Lawe of Moses, that ye turne not therefrom to the right hand nor to the left,

7 Nether companie with these nations: *that is*, with them which are left with you, nether make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to sweare *by them*, nether se ue them nor bowe vnto them:

8 But sticke fast vnto the Lord your God, as ye haue done vnto this day.

9 For the Lord hath cast out before you great nacions and mighty, and no man hath stand before your face hetherto.

10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lo d your God, he fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

11 Take good hede therefore vnto your selues, that ye loue the Lord your God.

12 Els, if ye goe backe, and cleaue vnto the rest of these nacions: *that is*, of them that remaine with you, and shal make mariages with them, and go vnto them, & they to you,

13 Knowe ye for certeine, that the Lord your God wil cast out no more of these nacions from before you: but they shal be a snare and destruction vnto you, and a whip on your sides, and thornes in your eyes, vntil ye perish out of this good land, which ye Lord your God hath giuen you.

14 And beholde, this day do I entre into the way of all the world, and ye know in all your heartes and in all your soules, that nothing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God promised you, *but* all are come to passe vnto you: nothing hath failed thereof.

15 Therefore as all good things are come vpon you, which the Lord your God promised you, so shal the Lord bring vpon you

euerie euil thing, vntil he haue destroyed you out of this good land, which the Lord your God hathe giuen you.

16 When ye shall transgresse the couenant of the Lord your God, which he commanded you, and shal go and serue other gods, and bowe your selues to them, then shal the wrath of the Lord waxe hote against you, and ye shal perish quickly out of the good land which he hathe giuen you.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: John 2

C H A P. I I.

ANd the thirde day, was there a mariage in Cana a towne of Galile, & the mother of Iesus was there.

2 And Iesus was called also, and his disciples vnto the mariage.

3 Now when the wine failed, the mother of Iesus said vnto him, They haue no wine.

4 Iesus said vnto her, Woman, what haue I to do with thee? mine houre is not yet come.

5 His mother said vnto the seruants, Whatsoeuer he saith vnto you, do it.

6 And there were set there, six waterpottes of stone, after the maner of the purifying of the Iewes, conteining two or thre firkins a piece.

7 And Iesus said vnto them, Fil the waterpottes with water. Then they filled them vp to the brim.

8 Then he said vnto them, Drawe out now & beare vnto the gouernour of the feast. So they bare it.

9 Now when the gouernour of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, (for he knewe not whence it was: but the seruants, which drewe the water, knewe) the gouernour of the feast called the bridegrome,

10 And said vnto him, All men at the beginning set forthe good wine, and when men haue wel drunke, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept backe the good wine vntil now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Iesus in Cana *a towne* of Galile, and shewed forthe his glorie: & his disciples beleued on him.

12 After that, he went downe into Capernaum, he and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: but they continued not manie dayes there.

13 For the Iewes Passeouer was at hand. Therefore Iesus went vp to Ierusalem.

14 And he founde in the Temple those that solde oxen, and shepe, and doues, and changers of money, sitting *there*.

15 Then he made a scourge of smale cordes, & draue them all out of the Temple with the shepe, and oxen & powred out the changers money, and ouerthrewe the tables,

16 And said vnto them that solde doues, Take these things hence: make not my Fathers house, an house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembred, that it was written, The zeale of thine house hathe eaten me vp.

18 Then answered the Iewes, and said vnto him, What signe shewest thou vnto vs, that thou doest these things?

19 Iesus answered and said vnto them, Destroye this temple, and in thre dayes I wil raise it vp againe.

20 Then said the Iewes, Fortie and six yeres was this Temple a buylding, and wilt thou reare it vp in thre dayes?

21 But he spake of the temple of his bodie.

22 Assone therefore as he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembred that he thus said vnto them: and they beleued the Scripture, and the worde which Iesus had said.

23 Now when he was at Ierusalem at the Passeouer in the feast,
many beleued in his Name, when they sawe his miracles which he
did.

24 But Iesus did not commit him self vnto them, because he
knewe them all,

25 And had no nede that any shulde testifie of man: for he knewe
what was in man.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 73-74

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

¶ *A Psalme committed to Asaph.*

YEt God is good to Israel: *euen*, to the pure in heart.

2 As for me, my fete were almost gone: my steps had
welnere slipt.

3 For I freated at the foolish, *when* I sawe the prosperitie of the
wicked.

4 For there are no bandes in their death, but they are lustie &
strong.

5 They are not in trouble *as other* men, nether are they plagued
with *other* men.

6 Therefore pride *is* as a chaine vnto them, & crueltie couereth
them *as* a garment.

7 Their eyes stande out for fatnes: they haue more then heart can
wish.

8 They are licencious, and speake wickedly of *their* oppression:
thei talke presumptuously.

9 They set their mouth against heauen, & their tongue walketh
through the earth.

10 Therefore his people turne hither: for waters of a ful *cup* are
wrung out to them.

11 And they say, How doeth God know it? or is there knowledge
in the moste High?

12 Lo, these are the wicked, yet prosper thei alway, & increase in
riches.

13 Certainely I haue clensed mine heart in vaine, and washed
mine hands in innocencie.

14 For daily haue I bene punished, and chastened *euerie* morning.

15 If I say, I wil iudge thus, beholde the generacion of thy
children: I haue trespaced.

16 Then thocht I to knowe this, *but* it was to peineful for me,

17 Vntil I went into the Sanctuarie of God: *then* vnderstode I their
end.

18 Surely thou hast set them in slipperie places, *and* castest them
downe into desolation.

19 How suddenly are they destroyed, perished and horribly
consumed,

20 As a dreame when one awaketh! ô Lord, when thou raisest vs
vp, thou shalt make their image despised.

21 Certainely mine heart was vexed, & I was pricked in my
reines:

22 So foolish was I and ignorant: I was a beast before thee.

23 Yet I was alway with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right
hand.

24 Thou wilt guide me by thy counsel, & afterwarde receiue me
to glorie.

25 Whom haue I in heauen *but thee?* and I haue desired none in
the earth with thee.

26 My flesh faileth and mine heart *also: but* God *is* the strength of
mine heart, and my porcion for euer.

27 For lo, they that withdrawe them selues from thee, shal perish:
thou destroyest all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 As for me, it is good for me to draw neere to God: *therefore* I haue put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy workes.

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

¶ A Psalme to giue instruction, committed to Asaph.

O God, why hast thou put vs away for euer? *why* is thy wrath kindled against the shepe of thy pasture?

2 Thinke vpon thy Congregacion, *which* thou hast possessed of olde, & on the rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redemed, & on this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift vp thy strokes, that thou maiest for euer destroye euerie enimie that doeth euil to the Sanctuarie.

4 Thine aduersaries roare in the middes of thy Congregacion, & set vp their banners for signes.

5 *He that lifted* the axes vpon the thicke trees, was renoumed, as one, that broght a thing to perfection:

6 But now they breake downe the carued worke thereof with axes and hammers.

7 They haue cast thy Sanctuarie into the fire, & *raised it* to the ground, *and* haue defiled the dwelling place of thy Name.

8 They said in their hearts, Let vs destroye them altogether: they haue burnt all the Synagogues of God in the land.

9 We se not our signes: there is not one Prophet more, nor anie with vs that knoweth how long.

10 O God, howe long shal the aduersarie reproche *thee*? shal the enimie blaspheme thy Name for euer?

11 Why withdrawest thou thine hand, euen thy right hand? *drawe it* out of thy bosome, & consume them.

12 Euen God *is* my King of olde, working saluacion in the middes of the earth.

- 13 Thou didest diuide the Sea by thy power: thou brakest the heades of the dragons in the waters.
- 14 Thou brakest the head of Liuiathan in pieces, *and* gauest him to be meat for the people in wildernes.
- 15 Thou brakest vp the fountaine and riuer: thou dryedst vp mightie riuers.
- 16 The daye is thine, and the night is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sunne.
- 17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made somer and winter.
- 18 Remember this, *that* the enimie hathe reproched the Lord, and the foolish people hathe blasphemed thy Name.
- 19 Giue not the soule of thy turtle dooue vnto the beast, & forget not the Congregation of thy poore for euer.
- 20 Consider *thy* couenant: for the darke places of the earth are full of the habitacions of the cruel.
- 21 Oh let not the oppressed returne ashamed, *but* let the poore & needie praise thy Name.
- 22 Arise, ô God: mainteine thine owne cause: remember thy dailie reproche by the foolish man.
- 23 Forget not the voyce of thine enemies: *for* the tumult of them, that rise against thee, ascendeth continually.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Joshua 24

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

ANd Ioshua assembled *again*e all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, & called the Elders of Israel, and their heades, and their iudges, and their officers, & they presented them selues before God.

2 Then Ioshua said vnto all the people, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt beyonde the flood in olde time, euen

Terah the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor, and serued other gods.

3 And I toke your father Abraham from beyonde the flood, & broght him through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his sede, and gaue him Izhak.

4 And I gaue vnto Izhak, Iaakob & Esau: and I gaue vnto Esau mount Seir, to possesse it: but Iaakob and his children went downe into Egypt.

5 I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt. and when I had *so* done among them, I broght you out.

6 So I broght your fathers out of Egypt, & ye came vnto the Sea, & the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with charrets and horsemen vnto the red Sea.

7 Then they cryed vnto the Lord, and he put a darcknes betwene you & the Egyptians, and broght the Sea vpon them, and couered them: so your eyes haue sene what I haue done in Egypt: also ye dwelt in the wildernes a long season.

8 After I broght you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt beyonde Iorden, and they fought with you: but I gaue them into your hand, and ye possessed their countrey, and I destroyed them out of your sight.

9 Also Balak the sonne of Zippor King of Moab arose and warred against Israel, and sent to call Balaam the sonne of Beor for to curse you,

10 But I wolde not heare Balaam: therefore he blessed you, and I deliuered you out of his hand.

11 And ye went ouer Iorden, and came vnto Iericho, and the men of Iericho fought against you, the Amorites, & the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girkashites, the Hiuites and the Iebusites, and I deliuered them into your hand.

12 And I sent hornets before you, which cast them out before you, *euen* the two Kings of the Amorites, & not with thy sworde, nor with thy bowe.

13 And I haue giuen you a land, wherein ye did not labour, and cities which ye buylt not, & ye dwel in them, & eat of the vineyardes and oliue trees, which ye planted not.

14 Now therefore feare the Lorde, & serue him in vprightnes and in trueth, and put away the gods, which your fathers serued beyonde the flood and in Egypt, and serue ye the Lord.

15 And if it seme euil vnto you to serue the Lorde, chuse you this day whome ye wil serue, whether the gods which your fathers serued (that were beyonde the flood) or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwel: but I and mine house will serue the Lord.

16 Then the people answered and saide, God forbid, that we shulde forsake the Lord, to serue other gods.

17 For the Lord our God, he broght vs and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and he did those great miracles in our sight, and preserued vs in all the way that we went, and among all the people through whome we came.

18 And the Lord did cast out before vs all the people, *euen* the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* wil we also serue the Lord, for he is our God.

19 And Ioshua said vnto the people, Ye can not serue the Lord: for he is an holy God: he is a ielous God: he wil not pardon your iniquitie nor your sinnes.

20 If ye forsake the Lord and serue strange gods, then he wil returne & bring euil vpon you, and consume you, after that he hathe done you good.

21 And the people said vnto Ioshua, Nay, but we wil serue the Lord.

22 And Ioshua said vnto the people, Ye are witnesses against your selues, that ye haue chosen you the Lord, to serue him: & they said, *We are* witnesses.

23 Then put away now, *said he*, the strange gods which are among you, & bow your hearts vnto the Lord God of Israel.

24 And the people said vnto Ioshua, The Lord our God wil we serue, and his voyce wil we obey.

25 So Ioshua made a couenant with the people the same day, and gaue them an ordinance and lawe in Shechem.

26 And Ioshua wrote these wordes in the booke of the Lawe of God, and toke a great stone, and pitched it there vnder an oke that was in the Sanctuarie of the Lord.

27 And Ioshua said vnto all the people, Beholde, this stone shalbe a witnes vnto vs: for it hathe heard all the wordes of the Lord which he spake with vs: it shalbe therefore a witnes against you, lest ye deny your God.

28 Then Ioshua let the people departe, euerie man vnto his inheritance.

29 And after these things Ioshua the sonne of Nun, the seruant of the Lord dyed, being an hundreth and ten yeres olde.

30 And they buryed him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the Northside of mount Gaash.

31 And Israel serued the Lord all the dayes of Ioshua, and all the dayes of the Elders that ouerliued Ioshua, & which had knowen all the workes of the Lord that he had done for Israel.

32 And the bones of Ioseph, which the children of Israel brought out of Egypt, buryed they in Shechem in a parcel of ground which Iaakob boght of the sonnes of Hamor the father of Shechem, for an hundreth pieces of siluer, and the children of Ioseph had them in their inheritance.

33 Also Eleazar the sonne of Aaron dyed, whome they buryed in the hil of Phinehas his sonne, which was giuen him in mount Ephraim.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: 2Thessalonians 1

C H A P. I.

PAul and Siluanus, and Timotheus vnto the Church of the Thessalonians, *which is* in God our Father, and in the Lord Iesus Christ:

2 Grace be with you, and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Iesus Christ.

3 We oght to thanke God alwayes for you, brethren, as it is mete, because that your faith groweth excedingly, and the loue of euerie one of you toward another, abundeth,

4 So that we our selues reioyce of you in the Churches of God, because of your pacience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye suffre,

5 *Which is* a token of the righteous iudgement of God, that ye may be counted worthie of the kingdome of God, for the which ye also suffre.

6 For it is a righteous thing with God, to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you,

7 And to you which are troubled, rest with vs, when the Lord Iesus shal shewe him self from heauen with his mightie Angels,

8 In flaming fyre, rendring vengeance vnto them, that do not knowe God, & which obey not vnto the Gospel of our Lord Iesus Christ,

9 Which shalbe punished with euerlasting perdition, from the presence of the Lord, and from the glorie of his power,

10 When he shal come to be glorified in his Saintes, and to be made marueilous in all them that beleue (because our testimonie towarde you was beleued) in that day.

11 Wherefore, we also pray alwayes for you, that our God may make you worthie of *his* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodnes, & the worke of faith with power,

12 That the Name of our Lorde Iesus Christ may be glorified in you, & ye in him, according to the grace of our God, and of the Lorde Iesus Christ.

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