

Sonnet 56: Fayre ye be sure

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Morning Prayer: Psa 90-2; Jud 7; Joh 6

Evening Prayer: Psa 93-94; Jud 8; 1Ti 2-3

Morning Prayer: Psalms 90-92

P S A L. X C.

¶ *A praier of Moses, the man of God.*

Lord, thou hast bene our habitacion from generacion to generacion.

2 Before the mountaines were made, and *before* thou hadest formed the earth, & the worlde, euen from euerlasting to euerlasting thou art *our* God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction: againe thou saiest, Returne, ye sonnes of Adam.

4 For a thousand yeres in thy sight *are* as yesterdaie when it is past, and *as* a watche in the night.

5 Thou hast ouerflowed them: they are *as* a slepe: in the morning he groweth like the grasse:

6 In the morning it florisheth and groweth, *but* in the euening it is cut downe and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by thine angre, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, *and* our secret sinnes in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our dayes are past in thine angre: we haue spent our yeres as a thought.

10 The time of our life *is* threescore yeres and ten, and if they be of strength, fourescore yeres: yet their strength *is* but labour and sorowe . for it is cut of quickly, and we flee away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thy wrath? for according to thy feare *is* thine angre.

12 Teache vs so to nomber our dayes, that we maie applie *our* hearts vnto wisdom.

13 Returne (ô Lord, how long?) and be pacified toward thy seruants.

14 Fil vs with thy mercie in the morning: so shal we reioyce and be glad all our dayes.

15 Comfort vs according to the dayes that thou hast afflicted vs, & *according* to the yeres that we haue sene euil.

16 Let thy worke be sene toward thy seruants, & thy glorie vpon their children.

17 And let the beautie of the Lord our God be vpon vs, and direct thou the worke of our hands vpon vs, euen direct the worke of our hands.

P S A L. X C I.

WHoso dwelleth in the secret of the moste High, shal abide in the shadowe of the Almightye.

2 I wil say vnto the Lord, O mine hope, and my fortres: *he is* my God, in him wil I trust.

3 Surely he wil deliuer thee from the snare of the hunter, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

4 He wil couer thee vnder his wings, and thou shalt be sure vnder his feathers: his trueth shalbe thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid of the feare of the night, *nor* of the arrowe that flieth by daye:

- 6 *Nor* of the pestilence that walketh in the darkenes: nor of the plague that destroyeth at noone daye.
- 7 A thousand shal fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, *but* it shal not come nere thee.
- 8 Doubtles with thine eyes shalt thou beholde and se the rewarde of the wicked.
- 9 For thou *hast said*, The Lord *is* mine hope: thou hast set the moste high for thy refuge.
- 10 There shal none euil come vnto thee, nether shall anie plague come nere thy tabernacle.
- 11 For he shal giue his Angels charge ouer thee to kepe thee in all thy waies.
- 12 They shal beare thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy fote against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt walke vpon the lion and aspe: the yong lion and the dragon shalt thou tread vnder fete.
- 14 Because he hathe loued me, therefore wil I deliuer him: I wil exalt him because he hathe knowen my Name.
- 15 He shal call vpon me, & I wil heare him: I wil be with him in trouble: I wil deliuer him, and glorifie him.
- 16 With long life wil I satisfie him, and shewe him my saluacion.

P S A L. X C I I.

¶ *A Psalme or song for the Sabbath daie.*

- I**T is a good thing to praise the Lord, and to sing vnto thy Name,
ô moste High,
- 2 To declare thy louing kindenes in the morning, and thy trueth in the night,
- 3 Vpon an instrument of ten strings, and vpon the viole with the song vpon the harpe.

- 4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad by thy workes, & I wil reioyce in the workes of thine hands.
- 5 O Lord, how glorious are thy workes! & thy thoughts are verie depe.
- 6 An vnwise man knoweth it not, and a foole doeth not vnderstand this,
- 7 (When the wicked growe as the grasse, and all the workers of wickednes do flourish) that thei shal be destroyed for euer.
- 8 But thou, ô Lord, art moste high for euer more.
- 9 For lo, thine enemies, ô Lord: for lo, thine enemies shal perish: all the workers of iniquitie shalbe destroyed.
- 10 But thou shalt exalt mine horne, like the vnicornes, & I shalbe anointed with fresh oile.
- 11 Mine eie also shal se *my desire* against mine enemies: and mine eares shal heare *my wish* against the wicked, that rise vp against me.
- 12 The righteous shal flourish like a palme tre, & shal growe like a cedre in Lebanon.
- 13 Suche as be planted in the House of the Lord, shal flourish in the courts of our God.
- 14 Thei shal stil bring forthe frute in *their* age: thei shalbe fat and flourishing,
- 15 To declare that the Lord my rocke is righteous, and that none iniquitie *is* in him.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Judges 7

C H A P. V I I.

Then Ierubbaal (who is Gideon) rose vp early, and all the people that were with him, and pitched beside the well of

Harod, so that the hoste of the Midianites was on the Northside of them in the valley by the hil of Moreh.

2 And the Lord said vnto Gideon, The people that are with thee, are too manie for me to giue the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel make their vante against me, and say, Mine hand hathe saued me.

3 Now therefore proclayme in the audience of the people, & say, Whoso is timerous or feareful, let him returne, and departe early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people which were at mount Gilead, two and twentie thousand. so ten thousand remained.

4 And the Lord said vnto Gideon, The people are yet to manie: bring them downe vnto the water, and I will trye them for thee there: and of whome I say vnto thee, This man shal go with thee, the same shal go with thee. and of whomesoeuer I say vnto thee, This man shal not goe with thee, the same shal not go.

5 So he broght downe the people vnto the water. And the Lord said vnto Gideon, As manie as lappe the water with their tongues, as a dog lappeth, them put by them selues, & euerie one that shal bowe downe his knees to drinke, *put aparte*.

6 And the number of them that lapped *by putting* their hands to their mouthes, *were* three hundreth men: but all the remnant of the people kneled downe vpon their knees to drinke water.

7 ¶ Then the Lord said vnto Gideon, By these three hundreth men that lapped, wil I saue you, and deliuer the Midianites into thine hand. and let all the *other* people go euerie man vnto his place.

8 ¶ So the people toke vitailles with them, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel, euerie man vnto his tent, & reteined the thre hundreth men: and the hoste of Midian was beneth him in a valley.

9 ¶ And the same night the Lord said vnto him, Arise, get thee downe vnto the hoste: for I haue deliuered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou feare to go downe, *then* go thou, & Phurah thy seruant downe to the hoste,

11 And thou shalt hearken, what they say, and so shal thine hands be strong to go downe vnto the hoste. Then went he downe and Phurah his seruant vnto the outside of the souldiars that were in the hoste.

12 ¶ And the Midianites, and the Amalekites and all they of the East, lay in the valley like grasshoppers in multitude, & their camels *were* without number, as the sande which is by the seaside for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, beholde, a man tolde a dreame vnto his neighbour, and said, Beholde, I dreamed a dreame, & lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled from aboue into the hoste of Midian, and came vnto a tent, and smote it that it fel, and ouerturned it, that the tent fel downe.

14 And his fellow answered, and said, This is nothing els saue the sworde of Gideon the sonne of Ioash a man of Israel. *for* into his hand hathe God deliuered Midian and all the hoste.

15 ¶ When Gideon heard the dreame tolde, and the interpretacion of the same, he worshipped, and returned vnto the hoste of Israel, & said, Vp: for the Lord hathe deliuered into your hand the hoste of Midian.

16 And he deuided the thre hundreth men into thre bandes, and gaue euerie man a trumpet in his hand with emptie pitchers, and lampes within the pitchers.

17 And he said vnto them, Loke on me, and do likewise, when I come to the side of the hoste: euen as I do, so do you.

18 When I blowe with a trumpet and all that are with me, blowe ye with trumpets also on euerie side of the hoste, and say, For the Lord, and for Gideon.

19 ¶ So Gideon and the hundreth men that were with him, came vnto the outside of the hoste, in the beginning of the middle watche, and they raised vp the watchemen, and they blewe with their trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the thre companies blewe with trumpets and brake the pitchers, and held the lampes in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blowe withall: and they cryed, The sworde of the Lord and of Gideon.

21 And they stode, euerie man in his place rounde about the hoste: and all the hoste ranne, and cryed, and fled.

22 And the three hundreth blewe with trumpets, & the Lord set euerie mans sworde vpon his neighbour, and vpon all the hoste: so the hoste fled to Beth-hashittah in Zererah, *and* to the border of Abel-meholah, vnto Tabbath.

23 Then the men of Israel being gathered together out of Naphtali, & out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, pursued after the Midianites.

24 And Gideon sent messengers vnto all mount Ephraim, saying, Come downe against the Midianites, and take before them the waters vnto Beth-barah, and Iorden. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered together and toke the waters vnto Beth-barah, and Iorden.

25 And they toke two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb, and slew Oreb vpon the rocke Oreb, and slewe Zeeb at the winepresse of Zeeb, and pursued the Midianites, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyonde Iorden.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: John 6

C H A P. V I.

AFTER these things, Iesus went his way ouer the sea of Galile, *or* of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they sawe his miracles, which hee did on them that were diseased.

3 Then Iesus went vp into a mountaine, and there he sate with his disciples.

4 Now the Passeouer, a feast of the Iewes, was nere.

5 Then I E S V S lift vp *his* eyes, and seing that a great multitude came vnto him, hee said vnto Philippe, Whence shal we bye bread, that these might eat?

6 (And this he said to proue him: for he him self knewe what he wolde do)

7 Philippe answered him, Two hundreth penyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that euerie one of them may take a litle.

8 Then said vnto him one of his disciples, Andrewe, Simon Peters brother,

9 There is a litle boye here, which hathe fiue barlie loaues, and two fishes: but what are they among so manie?

10 And Iesus said, Make the people sit downe. (Now there was muche grasse in that place) Then the men sate downe in nomber, about fiue thousand.

11 And Iesus toke the bread, and gaue thankes, and gaue to the disciples, and the disciples, to them that were set downe: & likewise of the fishes as muche as they wolde.

12 And when they were satisfied, he said vnto his disciples, Gather vp the broken meat which remaineth, that nothing be lost.

13 Then they gathered it together, and filled twelue baskets with the broken meat of the fiue barly loaues, which remained vnto them that had eaten.

14 Then the men when they had sene the miracle that Iesus did, said, This is of a trueth that Prophet that shulde come into the worldr.

15 When Iesus therefore perceiued that they wolde come, and take him to make him a King, he departed againe into a mountaine him self alone.

16 ¶ When euen was nowe come, his disciples went downe vnto the sea,

17 And entred into a ship, and went ouer the sea, towardes Capernaum: and now it was darke, & Iesus was not come to them.

18 And the sea arose with a great winde that blewe.

19 And when they had rowed about fiue & twentie, or thirtie furlongs, they sawe Iesus walking on the sea, and drawing nere vnto the ship: so they were afraied.

20 But he said vnto them, It is I: be not afraied.

21 Then willingly they receiued him into the ship, and the ship was by and by at the land, whether they went.

22 ¶ The day following, the people which stode on the other side of the sea, sawe that there was none other ship there, saue that one, whereinto his disciples were entred, and that Iesus went not with his disciples in the ship, but that his disciples were gone alone,

23 And that there came other shippes from Tiberias nere vnto the place where they ate the bread, after the Lord had giuen thankes.

24 Now when the people sawe that Iesus was not there, nether his disciples, thei also toke shipping, & came to Capernaum, seking for Iesus.

25 And when they had founde him on the other side of the sea, thei said vnto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

26 Iesus answered them; and said, Verely, verely I say vnto you, ye seke me not because ye sawe the miracles, but because ye ate of the loaues, and were filled.

27 Laboure not for the meat which perisheth, but for the meat that endureth vnto euerlasting life, which the Sonne of man shal giue vnto you: for him hathe God the Father sealed.

28 Then said they vnto him, What shal we do, that we might worke the workes of God?

29 Iesus answered, & said vnto them, This is the worke of God, that ye beleue in him, whome he hathe sent.

30 They said therefore vnto him, What signe shewest thou then, that we maye se it, and beleue thee? what doest thou worke?

31 Our fathers did eate Manna in the desert, as it is written, He gaue them bread from heauen to eat.

32 Then Iesus said vnto them, Verely, verely I say vnto you, Moses gaue you not bread from heauen, but my Father giueth you the true bread from heauen.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh downe from heauen, and giueth life vnto the worlde.

34 Then thei said vnto him, Lord, euermore giue vs this bread.

35 And Iesus said vnto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me, shall not hunger, and he that beleueth in me, shal neuer thirst.

36 But I said vnto you, that ye also haue sene me, and beleue not.

37 All that the Father giueth me, shal come to me: and him that cometh to me, I cast not away.

38 For I came downe from heauen, not to do mine owne wil, but his wil which hathe sent me.

39 And this is the Fathers wil which hathe sent me, that of all which he hathe giuen me, I shulde lose nothing, but shulde raise it vp againe at the last day.

40 And this is the wil of him that sent mee, that euerie man which seeth the Sonne, & beleueth in him, shulde haue euerlasting life: and I wil raise him vp at the last day.

41 The Iewes then murmured at him because he said, I am the bread, which is come downe from heauen.

42 And they said, Is not this Iesus the sonne of Ioseph, whose father & mother we knowe? Howe then saith he, I came downe from heauen?

43 Iesus then answered, & said vnto them, Murmure not among your selues.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father, which hathe sent me, drawe him: and I wil raise him vp at the last day.

45 It is written in the Prophetes, And they shalbe all taught of God. Euerie man therefore that hathe heard, & hathe learned of the Father, cometh vnto me,

46 Not that anie man hathe sene the Father, saue he which is of God, he hathe sene the Father.

47 Verely, verely I say vnto you, He that beleueth in me, hathe euerlasting life.

48 I am the bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat Manna in the wildernes, and are dead.

50 This is the bread, which cometh downe from heauen, that he which eateth of it, shulde not dye.

51 I am that liuing bread, which came downe from heauen: if anie man eat of this bread, he shal liue for euer: and the bread that I wil giue, is my flesh, which I wil giue for the life of the worlde.

52 Then the Iewes strove among them selues, saying, How can this man giue vs *his* flesh to eat?

53 Then Iesus said vnto them, Verely, verely I say vnto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Sonne of man, and drinke his blood, ye haue no life in you.

54 Whosoeuer eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hathe eternal life, and I wil raise him vp at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat in dede, & my blood is drinke in dede.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As that liuing Father hathe sent me, so liue I by the Father, and he that eateth me, euen he shal liue by me.

58 This is that bread which came downe from heauen: not as your fathers haue eaten Manna, and are dead. He that eateth of this bread, shal liue for euer.

59 These things spake he in the Synagogue as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Manie therefore of his disciples (when thei heard this) said, This is an hard saying: who can heare it?

61 But Iesus knowing in him self, that his disciples murmured at this, said vnto them, Doeth this offend you?

62 *What* then if ye shulde se the Sonne of man ascende vp where he was before?

63 It is the Spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing: the wordes that I speake vnto you, are spirit and life.

64 But there are some of you that beleue not: for Iesus knewe from the beginning, which they were that beleued not, & who shulde betraye him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I vnto you, that no man can come vnto me, except it be giuen vnto him of my Father.

66 From that time, manie of his disciples went backe, and walked no more with him.

67 Then said Iesus to the twelue, Wil ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Master to whome shal we go? Thou hast the wordes of eternal life:

69 And we beleue and knowe that thou art the Christ the Sonne of the liuing God.

70 Iesus answered them, Haue not I chosen you twelue, and one of you is a deuil?

71 Now he spake it of Iudas Iscariot the *sonne* of Simon: for he it was that shulde betraye him, thogh he was one of the twelue.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 93-94

P S A L. X C I I I.

THe Lord reigneth, & is clothed with maiestie: the Lord is clothed, & girded with power: the worlde also shalbe established, that it can not be moued.

2 Thy throne is established of olde: thou art from euerlasting.

3 The floods haue lifted vp, ô Lord: the floods haue lifted vp their voice: the floods lift vp their waues.

4 The waues of ye sea *are* maruelous through the noise of manie waters, *yet* the Lord on high is more mightie.

5 Thy testimonies are verie sure: holines becommeth thine House, ô Lord, for euer.

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

O Lord God the aduenger, ô God the aduenger, shewe thy self clearly.

2 Exalt thy self, ô Iudge of the worlde, & render a rewarde to the proude.

3 Lord how long shal the wicked, how long shal the wicked triumph?

4 They prate & speake fiercely: all the workers of iniquitie vante them selues.

5 They smite downe thy people, ô Lord, and trouble thine heritage.

6 They slaie the widow and the stranger, and murther the fatherles.

- 7 Yet they saie, The Lord shal not se: nether wil the God of
Iaakob regarde it.
- 8 Vnderstand ye vnwise among the people: and ye fooles, when
wil ye be wise?
- 9 He that planted the eare, shal he not heare? or he that formed
the eye, shal he not see?
- 10 Or he that chasticeth the nations, shal he not correct? he that
teacheth man knowledge, *shal he not knowe?*
- 11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanitie.
- 12 Blessed *is* the man, whome thou chasticest, ô Lord, and
teachest him in thy Law,
- 13 That thou maiest giue him rest from the dayes of euil, whiles
the pit is digged for the wicked.
- 14 Surely the Lorde wil not faile his people, nether wil he forsake
his inheritance.
- 15 For iudgement shal returne to iustice, and all the vpriht in
heart *shal followe* after it.
- 16 Who wil rise vp with me against the wicked? *or* who wil take
my parte against the workers of iniquitie?
- 17 If the Lord had not holpen me, my soule had almoste dwelt in
silence.
- 18 When I said, My fote slideth, thy mercie, ô Lord, staied me.
- 19 In the multitude of my thoughts in mine heart, thy comfortes
haue reioyced my soule.
- 20 Hathe the throne of iniquitie felowship with thee, which
forgeth wrong for a law?
- 21 Thei gather them together against the soule of the righteous,
and condemne the innocent blood.
- 22 But the Lord is my refuge, and my God *is* the rocke of mine
hope.

23 And he wil recompense them their wickednes, and destroie them in their owne malice: *yea*, the Lord our God shal destroie them.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Judges 8

C H A P. V I I I.

Then the men of Ephraim said vnto him, Why hast thou serued vs thus that thou calledst vs not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? and they chode with him sharply.

2 To whome he said, What haue I now done in comparison of you? is not the gleaning of grapes of Ephraim better, then the vintage of Abiezer?

3 God hathe deliuered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb & Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? and when he had thus spoken, then their spirits abated toward him.

4 And Gideon came to Iorden to passe ouer, he, and the three hundreth men that were with him, weary, yet pursuing *them*.

5 And he said vnto the men of Succoth, Giue, I pray you, morsels of bread vnto the people that followe me (*for they be wearie*) that I may followe after Zebah, & Zalmunna Kings of Midian.

6 And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hands, that we shulde giue bread vnto thine armie?

7 Gideon then said, Therefore when the Lorde hathe deliuered Zebah & Zalmunna into mine hand, I wil teare your flesh with thornes of the wildernes and with breers.

8 And he went vp thence to Penuel, and spake vnto them likewise, and the men of Penuel answered him, as the men of Succoth answered.

9 And he sayd also vnto the men of Penuel, When I come againe in peace, I wil breake downe this towre.

10 ¶ Now Zebah & Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their hostes with them, about fiftene thousand, all that were left of all the hostes of them of the East: for there was slayne an hundreth and twentie thousand men, that drewe swordes.

11 ¶ And Gideon went through them that dwelt in tabernacles on the Eastside of Nobah & Iogbehah, and smote the hoste: for the hoste was careles.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he followed after them, & toke the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the hoste.

13 ¶ So Gideon the sonne of Ioash returned from battel, the sunne being *yet* hie,

14 And toke a seruant of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he wrote to him the princes of Succoth & the Elders thereof, *euen* seuentie and seuen men.

15 And he came vnto the men of Succoth, and said, Beholde Zebah and Zalmunna, by whome ye vpbraided me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah & Zalmunna already in thine hands, that we shulde giue bread vnto thy weary men?

16 Then he toke the Elders of the citie, & thornes of the wildernes & breers, & did teare the men of Succoth with them.

17 Also he brake downe the towre of Penuel, and slewe the men of the citie.

18 ¶ Then said he vnto Zebah & Zalmunna, What maner of men were they, whome ye slew at Tabor? and they answered, As thou art, so were they: euerie one was like the children of a King.

19 And he said, They were my brethren, euen my mothers children: as the Lord liueth, if ye had saued their liues, I wolde not slay you.

20 Then he said vnto Iether his first borne sonne, Vp, and slay them: but the boy drewe not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet yong.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall vpon vs: for as the man is, *so is* his strength. And Gideon arose and slewe Zebah and Zalmunna, & toke away the ornaments, that were on their camels neckes.

22 Then the men of Israel said vnto Gideon, Reigne thou ouer vs, both thou, & thy sonne, & thy sonnes sonne: for thou hast deliuered vs out of the hand of Midian.

23 And Gideon said vnto them, I wil not reigne ouer you, nether shal my childe reigne ouer you, *but* the Lord shal reigne ouer you.

24 Againe Gideon said vnto them, I wolde desire a request of you, that you wolde giue me euerie man the earings of his praye (for they had golden earings because they were Ismaelites)

25 And they answered, We wil giue them. And they spred a garment, & did cast therein euerie man the earings of his praye.

26 And the weight of the golden earings that he required, was a thousand and seuen hundreth *shekels* of golde, beside collers and iewels, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the cheines, that were about their camels neckes.

27 And Gideon made an Ephod thereof, and put it in Ophrah his citie: & all Israel went a whoring there after it, which was the destruction of Gideon and his house.

28 Thus was Midian brought lowe before the children of Israel, so that they lift vp their heads nomore: and the countrey was in quietnes fourty yeres in the dayes of Gideon.

29 ¶ Then Ierubbaal the sonne of Ioash went, and dwelt in his owne house.

30 And Gideon had seuentie sonnes begotten of his body: for he had manie wiues.

31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, bare him a sonne also, whose name he called Abimelech.

32 So Gideon the sonne of Ioash dyed in a good age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Ioash his father in Ophrah, of the father of ye Ezrites.

33 But when Gideon was dead, the children of Israel turned away and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god.

34 And the children of Israel remembred not the Lord their God, which had deliuered them out of the hands of all their enemies on euerie side.

35 Nether shewed they mercie on the house of Ierubbaal, *or* Gideon, according to al the goodnes which he had shewed vnto Israel.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: 1 Timothy 2-3

C H A P. II.

I Exhort therefore, that first of all supplicacions, praiers, intercessions, & giuing of thankes be made for all men,

2 For Kings, and for all that are in autoritie, that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable life, in all godlines and honestie.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Sauour,

4 Who wil that all men shalbe saued, & come vnto the knowledge of the trueth.

5 For there is one God, and one Mediator betwene God & man, *which is* the man Christ Iesus,

6 Who gaue him self a raunsome for all men, *to be* a testimonie in due time,

7 Whereunto I am ordeined a preacher & an Apostle (I speake the trueth in Christ, and lie not) *euen* a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and veritie.

- 8 I wil therefore that the men pray, euerie where lifting vp pure hands without wrath, or douting.
- 9 Likewise also the women, that they araye them selues in comelie apparel, with shamefastnes & modestie, not with broyded heare, or gold, or pearles, or costlie apparel,
- 10 But (as becommeth women that professe the feare of God) with good workes.
- 11 Let the woman learne in silence with all subiection.
- 12 I permit not a woman to teache, nether to vsurpe autoritie ouer the man, but to be in silence.
- 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eue.
- 14 And Adam was not deceiued, but the woman was deceiued, & was in the transgression.
- 15 Notwithstanding, through bearing of children she shalbe saued if they continue in faith, and loue, and holines with modestie.

C H A P. III.

THis *is* a true saying, If any man desire the office of a bishoppe, he desireth a worthie worke.

- 2 A bishop therefore must be vnreprouable, the housband of one wife, watching, sober, modest, harberous, apt to teache,
- 3 Not giuen to wine, no striker, not giuen to filthie lucre, but gentle, no fighter, not couetous,
- 4 One that can rule his owne house honestly, hauing children vnder obedience with all honestie.
- 5 For if any can not rule his owne house, how shal he care for the Church of God?
- 6 He may not be a yong scholer, lest he being puffed vp fall into the condemnation of the deuil.
- 7 He must also be wel reported of, euen of them which are without, lest he fall into rebuke, and the snare of the deuil.

- 8 Likewise *must* deacons be honest, not double tongued, not
giuen vnto muche wine, nether to filthie lucre,
- 9 Hauing the mysterie of the faith in pure conscience.
- 10 And let them first be proued: then let them minister, if they be
founde blameles.
- 11 Likewise their wiues *must be* honest, not euil speakers, but
sober, *and* faithful in all things.
- 12 Let the deacons be the housbands of one wife, and suche as
can rule their children wel, and their owne housholdes.
- 13 For they that haue ministred wel, get them selues a good
degre, & great libertie in the faith, which is in Christ Iesus.
- 14 These things write I vnto thee, trusting to come very shortely
vnto thee.
- 15 But if I tary long, that thou maist yet knowe, how thou oghtest
to behaue thy self in the house of God, which is the Church of the
liuing God, the pillar & ground of trueth.
- 16 And without controuersie, great is the mysterie of godlines,
which is, God is manifested in the flesh, iustified in the Spirit, sene
of Angels, preached vnto the Gentiles, beleued on in the worlde,
and receiued vp in glorie.

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