

Sonnet 83A: My hungry eyes

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Morning Prayer: Psa 50-2; 2Ki 3; Mat 8

Evening Prayer: Psa 53-5; 2Ki 4; Rom 9

Morning Prayer: Psalms 50-52

P S A L. L.

¶ *A Psalm of Asaph.*

THe God of Gods, *euen* the Lord hathe spoken and called the earth from the rising vp of the sunne vnto the going downe thereof.

2 Out of Zion, *which is* the perfection of beautie, hathe God shined.

3 Our God shal come and shal not kepe silence: a fyre shal deuoure before him, & a mightie tempest shal be moued rounde about him.

4 He shal call the heauen aboue, and the earth to iudge his people.

5 Gather my Saints together vnto me, those that make a couenant with me with sacrifice.

6 And the heauens shal declare his righteousnes: for God is Iudge him self. Selah.

7 Heare, ô my people, & I wil speake: *heare*, ô Israel, and I wil testifie vnto thee: *for* I am God, *euen* thy God.

8 I wil not reprove thee for thy sacrifices, or thy burnt offrings, *that haue not bene* continually before me.

9 I wil take no bullocke out of thine house, *nor* goates out of thy foldes.

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *and* the beasts on a thousand mountaines.

11 I knowe all the foules on the mountaines: & the wilde beastes of the field are mine.

12 If I be hungrie, I wil not tel thee: for the worlde is mine, and all that therein is.

13 Wil I eat the flesh of bulles? or drinke the blood of goates?

14 Offer vnto God praise, & paie thy vowes vnto the moste High,

15 And call vpon me in the daie of trouble: *so* will I deliuer thee, & thou shalt glorifie me.

16 But vnto the wicked said God, What hast thou to do to declare mine ordinances, that thou shuldest take my couenant in thy mouth,

17 Seeing thou hatest to be reformed, and hast cast my wordes behinde thee?

18 For when thou seest a thefe, thou runnest with him, and thou art partaker with the adulterers.

19 Thou giuest thy mouth to euil, & with thy tongue thou forgest deceite.

20 Thou sittest, *and* speakest against thy brother, *and* sclanderest thy mothers sonne.

21 These things hast thou done, & I helde my tongue: *therefore* thou thoghtest that I was like thee: *but* I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thee.

22 Oh cosider this, ye that forget God, lest I teare you in pieces, & there be none that can deliuer *you*.

23 He that offereth praise, shal glorifie me: and to him, that disposeth his waie aright, wil I shew the saluacion of God.

P S A L. L I.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid, when the Prophet Nathan came vnto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.*

HAve mercie vpon me, ô God, according to thy louing
kindenes: according to the multitude of thy compassions put
awaie mine iniquities.

2 Wash me throughly from mine iniquitie, and clense me from
my sinne.

3 For I knowe mine iniquities, & my sinne *is* euer before me.

4 Against thee, against thee onely haue I sinned, & done euil in
thy sight, that thou maiest be iuste when thou speakest, *and* pure
when thou iudget.

5 Beholde, I was borne in iniquitie, and in sinne hath my mother
conceiued me.

6 Beholde, thou louest trueth in the inwarde affections: therefore
hast thou taught me wisdome in the secret of *mine heart*.

7 Purge me with hyssope, & I shal be cleane: wash me, & I shal
be whiter then snowe.

8 Make me to heare ioye and gladnes, *that* the bones, *which* thou
hast broken, maie reioyce.

9 Hide thy face from my sinnes, and put awaie all mine iniquities.

10 Create in mee a cleane heart, ô God, and renue a right spirit
within me.

11 Cast me not awaie from thy presence, and take not thine holie
Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the ioye of thy saluacion, and stablish me with
thy fre Spirit.

13 *Then* shal I teache thy waies vnto the wicked, and sinners shal
be conuerted vnto thee.

14 Deliuer me from blood, ô God, *which art* the God of my
saluacion, *and* my tongue shal sing ioyfully of thy righteousnes.

15 Open thou my lippes, ô Lord, and my mouth shall shewe
forthe thy praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, thogh I wolde giue it: thou delitest not in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God *are* a contrite spirit: a contrite & a broken heart, ô God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Be fauourable vnto Zion for thy good pleasure: buylde the walles of Ierusalem.

19 Then shalt thou accept the sacrifices of righteousnes, *euen* the burnt offering and oblation: then shal they offer calues vpon thine altar.

P S A L. L I I.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid to giue instruction. When Doeg the Edomite came & shewed Saul, & said to him, Dauid is come to the house of Abimelech.*

WHy boastest thou thy self in *thy* wickednes, ô man of power? the louing kindenes of God *indureth* daily.

2 Thy tongue imagineth mischief, *and is* like a sharpe rasor, that cutteth deceitfully.

3 Thou doest loue euill more then good, *and* lies more then to speake the trueth. Selah.

4 Thou louest all wordes that may destroye, ô deceitfull tongue!

5 So shal God destroye thee for euer: he shal take thee and plucke thee out of *thy* tabernacle, & roote thee out of the land of the liuing. Selah.

6 The righteous also shal se it, and feare, and shal laugh at him, *saying,*

7 Beholde the man that toke not God for his strength, but trusted vnto the multitude of his riches, & put his strength in his malice.

8 But I shalbe like a grene oliue tre in the house of God: *for* I trusted in the mercie of God for euer and euer.

9 I wil alway praise thee, for that thou hast done *this*, & I wil hope in thy Name, because it is good before thy Saints.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: 2 Kings 3

C H A P. III.

NOw Iehoram the sonne of Ahab began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, the eighteenth yere of Iehoshaphat King of Iudah, & reigned twelue yeres.

2 And he wrought euil in the sight of the Lord, but not like his father nor like his mother: for he toke away the image of Baal that his father had made.

3 Neuertheles, he cleaued vnto the sinnes of Ieroboam, the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne, & departed not therefrom.

4 ¶ Then Mesha King of Moab had store of shepe, and rendred vnto the King of Israel an hundreth thousand lambes, & an hundreth thousand rams with the woll.

5 But when Ahab was deade, the king of Moab rebelled against the King of Israel.

6 Therefore King Iehoram went out of Samaria the same season, and nombred all Israel,

7 And went, and sent to Iehoshaphat King of Iudah, saying, The King of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me to battell against Moab? And he answered, I wil go vp: *for* I am, as thou art, my people, as thy people, *and* mine horses as thine horses.

8 Then said he, What way shal we go vp? And he answered, The way of the wildernes of Edom.

9 ¶ So went the King of Israel & the King of Iudah, and the King of Edom, and when they had compassed the way seuen daies, they had no water for the hoste, nor for the cattel that followed them.

10 Therefore the King of Israel said, Alas, that the Lord hathe called these thre Kings, to giue them into the hand of Moab.

11 But Iehoshaphat said, Is there not here a Prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of the Lord by him? And one of the King of Israels seruants answered, & said, Here is Elisha the sonne of Shaphat, which powred water on the hands of Eliiah.

12 Then Iehoshaphat said, The worde of the Lorde is with him. Therefore the King of Israel, and Iehoshaphat, and the King of Edom went downe to him.

13 And Elisha said vnto the King of Israel, What haue I to do with thee? Get thee to the Prophetes of thy father and to the Prophetes of thy mother. And the King of Israel said vnto him, Naye: for the Lord hathe called these thre Kings, to giue them into the hand of Moab.

14 Then Elisha said, As the Lord of hostes liueth, in whose sight I stand, if it were not, that I regarde the presence of Iehoshaphat the King of Iudah, I wolde not haue looked towarde thee, nor sene thee.

15 But now bring me a minstrel. And when the minstrel played, the hand of the Lord came vpon him.

16 And he said, Thus saith the Lorde, Make this valley ful of dyches.

17 For thus saith the Lord, Ye shal nether se winde nor se raine, yet the valley shal be filled with water, that ye may drinke, *bothe* ye and your cattel, and your beastes.

18 But this is a small thing in the sight of the Lord: for he wil giue Moab into your hand.

19 And ye shal smite euerie strong towne and euerie chief citie, and shal fel euerie fayre tre, and shal stop all the fountaines of water, and marre euerie good field with stones.

20 And in the morning when the meat offering was offered, beholde, there came water by the way of Edom: and the countrey was filled with water.

21 And when all the Moabites heard that the Kings were come vp to fight against them, thei gathered all that was able to put on harnes, and vpwarde, and stode in *their* border.

22 And thei rose early in the morning, when the sunne arose vpon the water, & the Moabites sawe the water ouer against them, as red as blood.

23 And thei said, This is blood: the Kings are surely slayne, and one hath smitten another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoile.

24 And when thei came to the hoste of Israel, the Israelites arose vp, and smote the Moabites, so that thei fled before them, but they inuaded them, and smote Moab.

25 And they destroyed the cities: and on all the good field euery man cast his stone, and filled them & they stopte all the fountaines of water, and felled all the good trees: onely in Kir-haraseth left they the stones thereof: howbeit they went about it with slings, and smote it.

26 And when the King of Moab sawe that the battel was to sore for him, he toke with him seuen hundreth men that drew the sworde to break through vnto the King of Edom: but thei colde not.

27 Then he toke his eldest sonne, that shulde haue reigned in his steade, & offered him for a burnt offering vpon the wall: so that Israel was sore griued, and thei departed from him, and returned to their countrey.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Matthew 8

CHAP. VIII.

Now when he was come downe from the mountaine, great multitudes followed him.

2 And lo, there came a Leper and worshipped him, saying, Master, if thou wilt, thou canst make me cleane.

3 And Iesus putting forthe his hand, touched him, saying, I wil, be thou cleane: and immediatly his leprosie was clensed.

4 Then Iesus said vnto him, Se thou tell no man, but go, & shewe thy self vnto the Priest, and offer the gift that Moyses commanded, for a witnes to them.

5 ¶ When Iesus was entred into Capernaum, there came vnto him a Centurion, beseching him,

6 And said, Master, my seruant lieth sicke at home of the palsie, and is grieuously pained.

7 And Iesus said vnto him, I wil come and heale him.

8 But the Centurion answered, saying, Master, I am not worthie that thou shuldest come vnder my rofe: but speake the worde onely, and my seruant shalbe healed.

9 For I am a man also vnder the autoritie *of another*, and haue souldiers vnder me: & I say to one, Go, and he goeth: and to another, Come, and he cometh, & to my seruant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 When Iesus heard *that*, he marueiled, & said to them that followed *him*, Verely, I say vnto you, I haue not founde so great faith, euen in Israel.

11 But I say vnto you, that manie shal come from the East and West, and shal sit downe with Abraham, and Isaac, and Iacob, in the kingdome of heauen.

12 And the children of the kingdome shal be cast out into vtter darkenes: there shalbe weping and gnassing of teeth.

13 Then Iesus said vnto the Centurion, Go thy way, and as thou hast beleued, so be it vnto thee, And his seruant was healed the same houre.

14 And when Iesus came to Peters house, he sawe his wiues mother laied downe, & sicke of a feuer.

15 And he touched her hande, and the feuer left her: so she arose, and ministred vnto them.

16 When the euen was come, they broght vnto him manie that were possessed with deuils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* worde, and healed all that were sicke,

17 That it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by Esaias the Prophet, saying, He toke our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.

18 ¶ And when Iesus sawe great multitudes of people about him, he commanded them to go ouer *the water*.

19 Then came there a certeine Scribe, and said vnto him, Master, I wil follow thee whethersoever thou goest.

20 But Iesus said vnto him, The foxes haue holes, and the birdes of the heauen haue nestes, but the Sonne of man hathe not whereon to rest his head.

21 ¶ And another of his disciples said vnto him, Master, suffer me first to go, and burye my father.

22 But Iesus said vnto him, Followe me, & let the dead burye their dead.

23 ¶ And when he was entred into the ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And beholde, there arose a great tempest in the sea, so that the ship was couered with waues: but he was a slepe.

25 Then his disciples came, & awoke him, saying, Master, saue vs: we perish.

26 And he said vnto them, Why are ye feareful, ô ye of litle faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the windes and the sea: and *so* there was a great calme.

27 And the men marueiled, saying, What man is this, that bothe the windes and the sea obey him!

28 ¶ And when he was come to the other side, into the countrey of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with deuils, which came out of the graues verie fierce, so that no man might goe by that waye.

29 And beholde, they cryed out, saying, Iesus the Sonne of God, what haue we to do with thee? Art thou come hether to torment vs before the time?

30 Now there was afarre of from them, a great heard of swine feeding.

31 And the deuils besoght him, saying, If thou cast vs out, suffer vs to go into the herd of swine.

32 And he said vnto them, Go. So thei went out, and departed into the herd of swine: & beholde, the whole herd of swine was caryed with violence from a stiepe downe place into the sea, and dyed in the water.

33 Then the herdmen fled: and when thei were come into the citie, they tolde all things, and what was become of them that were possessed with the deuils.

34 And beholde all the citie came out, to mete Iesus: and when thei sawe him, thei besoght him to departe out of their coasts.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 53-55

P S A L. L I I I.

¶ *To him that excelleth on Mahalath.*

A Psalme of Dauid to giue instruction.

THe foole hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* they haue corrupted & done abominable wickednes: *there is none* that doeth good.

2 God looked downe from heauen vpon the children of men, to see if there were anie that wolde vnderstand, and seke God.

3 Euerie one is gone backe: they are altogether corrupt: there is none that doeth good, no not one.

4 Do not the workers of iniquitie knowe that they eate vp my people *as* they eat bread? they call not vpon God.

5 There they were afraied for feare, *where* no feare was: for God hath scatered the bones of him that besieged thee: thou hast put them to confusion, because God hath cast them off.

6 Oh giue saluacion vnto Israel out of Zion: when God turneth the captiuitie of his people, *then* Iaakob shall reioyce, and Israel shall be glad.

PSAL. LIIII.

¶ *To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalme of Dauid, to giue instruction. Whe the Ziphims came & said vnto Saul, Is not Dauid hid among vs?*

SAue me, ô God, by thy Name, and by thy power iudge me.

2 O God, heare my prayer: hearken vnto the wordes of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen vp against me, & tyrants seke my soule: they haue not set God before them. Selah.

4 Beholde, God *is* mine helper: the Lord *is* with them that vpholde my soule.

5 He shall reward euil vnto mine enemies: oh cut them of in thy trueth!

6 *Then* I wil sacrifice frely vnto thee: I wil praise thy Name, ô Lord, because it is good

7 For he hathe deliuered me out of al trouble, and mine eye hathe sene *my desire* vpon mine enemies.

P S A L. L V.

¶ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalm of Dauid to giue instruction.

HEare my prayer, ô God, & hide not thy self from my supplication.

2 Hearken vnto me, & answere me: I mourne in my prayer, and make a noise,

3 For the voyce of the enemy, & for the vexation of the wicked, because they haue broght iniquitie vpon me, & furiously hate me.

4 Mine heart trembleth within me, and the terrors of death are fallen vpon me.

5 Feare and trembling are come vpon me, & an horrible feare hathe couered me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dooue: then wold I flie away and rest.

7 Beholde, I woulde take my flight farre of, & lodge in the wildernes. Selah.

8 He wolde make haste for my deliuerance from the stormie winde and tempest.

9 Destroye, ô Lord, *and* deuide their tongues: for I haue sene crueltie and strife in the citie.

10 Daye and night they goe about it vpon the walles thereof: bothe iniquitie and mischief are in the middes of it.

11 Wickednes is in the middes thereof: deceit & guile departe not from her stretes.

12 Surely mine enemy did not diffame me: for I colde haue borne it. nether did mine aduersarie exalt him self against me: for I wolde haue hid me from him.

13 But *it was* thou, ô man, euen my companion, my guide and my familiar:

14 Which delited in consulting together, *and* went into the House of God as companions.

15 Let death sease vpon them: let them go downe quicke into the graue: for wickednes *is* in their dwellings, *euen* in the middes of them.

16 *But* I wil call vnto God, & the Lord wil saue me.

17 Euening and morning, & at noone wil I pray, & make anoise, & he wil heare my voyce.

18 He hathe deliuered my soule in peace from the battel, *that was* against me: for manie were with me.

19 God shal heare and afflict them, euen he that reigneth of olde, Selah. because they haue no changes, therefore they feare not God.

20 He layed his hand vpon suche, as be at peace with him, *and* he brake his couenant.

21 *The wordes* of his mouth were softer then butter, yet warre *was* in his heart: his wordes were more gentle then oyle, yet they were swordes.

22 Cast thy burden vpon the Lord, and he shal nourish thee: he wil not suffer the righteous to fall for euer.

23 And thou, ô God, shalt bring them downe into the pit of corruption: the blooddie, & deceitful men shal not liue halfe their dayes: but I wil trust in thee.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: 2 Kings 4

C H A P. I I I I.

ANd one of the wiues of the sonnes of the Prophetes cryed vnto Elisha, saying, Thy seruant mine housband is dead, and

thou knowest, that thy seruant did feare the Lord: and the creditour is come to take my two sonnes to bee his bondemen.

2 Then Elisha saide vnto her, What shal I do for thee? tel me, what hast thou at home? And she said, Thine handmayd hathe nothing at home, saue a pytcher of oyle.

3 And he said, Go, and borowe thee vessels abroade of all thy neighbours, emptye vessels, & spare not.

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the dore vpon thee & vpon thy sonnes, and powre out into all those vessels, and set aside those that are ful.

5 So she departed from him, and shut the dore vpon her, and vpon her sonnes. And they brought to her, and she powred out.

6 And when the vessels were ful, she said vnto her sonne, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said vnto her, There is no mo vessels. And the oyle ceased.

7 Then she came and tolde the man of God. And he said, Go, *and* sel the oyle, & pay them that thou art in det vnto, and liue thou and thy children of the rest.

8 ¶ And on a time Elisha came to Shunem, & there a woman of great *estimation* constrained him to eat bread: and as he passed by, he turned in thether to eat bread.

9 And she said vnto her housband, Beholde, I knowe now, that this is an holie man of God that passeth by vs continually.

10 Let vs make him a litle chamber, I pray thee, with walles, and let vs set him there a bed and a table & a stole, and a candlesticke, that he may turne in thether when he commeth to vs.

11 ¶ And on a day, he came thether and turned into the chamber, and laye therein,

12 And said to Gehazi his seruant, Call this Shunammite: and when he called her, she stode before him.

13 Then he said vnto him, Say vnto her now, Beholde, thou hast had all this great care for vs, what shal we do for thee? Is there anie thing to be spoken for thee to the King or to the captaine of the hoste? And she answered, I dwel among mine owne people.

14 Againe he said, What is then to be done for her? Then Gehazi answered, In dede she hathe no sonne, and her housband is olde.

15 Then said he, Call her. And he called her, and she stode in the dore.

16 And he said, At this time appointed, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a sonne. And she said, Oh my lord, thou man of God, doe not lye vnto thine handmaid.

17 So the woman conceiued, and bare a sonne at that same season, according to the time of life, that Elisha had said vnto her.

18 ¶ And when the childe was growen, it fel on a day, that he went out to his father, & to the reapers.

19 And he said to his father, Mine head, mine head. Who said to *his* seruant, Beare him to his mother.

20 And he toke him and broght him to his mother, & he sate on her knees til noone, and dyed.

21 Then she went vp, and layed him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the dore* vpon him, and went out.

22 ¶ Then she called to her housband, and said, Send with me, I pray thee, one of the yong men & one of the asses: for I wil haste to the man of God, and come againe.

23 And he sayd, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* nether newe moone nor Sabbath day. And she answered, All shalbe well.

24 Then she saddled an asse, and said to her seruant, Dryue, and go forward: stay not for me to get vp, except I bid thee.

25 ¶ So she went, & came vnto the man of God to mount Carmel. And when the man of God saw her ouer against him, he said to Gehazi his seruant, Beholde, the Shunammite.

26 Runne nowe, I say, to mete her, and say vnto her, Art thou in helthe? is thine housband in helthe? and is the childe in helthe? And she answered, We are in helthe.

27 And when she came to the man of God vnto the moutaine, she caught him by his fete: and Gehazi went to her, to thrust her away: but the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soule is vexed within her, and the Lord hathe hid it from me, and hathe not told it me.

28 Then she said, Did I desire a sonne of my lord? did I not say, Disceiue me not.

29 Then he said to Gehazi, Girde thy loynes, and take my staffe in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou mete anie, salute him not: and if anie salute thee, answer him not: and lay my staffe vpon the face of the childe.

30 And the mother of the childe said, As the Lord liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I wil not leaue thee. Therefore he arose, and followed her.

31 But Gehazi was gone before them, & had layed the staffe vpon the face of the childe, but he nether spake nor heard: wherefore he returned to mete him and tolde him, saying, The childe is not waken.

32 ¶ Then came Elisha into the house, and beholde, the childe was dead, and layed vpon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the dore vpon them twaine, and prayed vnto the Lord.

34 After he went vp, and lay vpon the childe, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes vpon his eyes, and his hands vpon his

hands, and stretched him selfe vpon him, & the flesh of the childe waxed warme.

35 And hee went *from him*, and walked vp and downe in the house, & went vp and spred him selfe vpon him: then the childe neede seuen times, and opened his eyes.

36 Then he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her, which came in vnto him. And he said vnto her, Take thy sonne.

37 And she came, and fel at his fete, and bowed her selfe to the grounde, and toke vp her sonne, and went out.

38 Afterwarde Elisha returned to Gilgal, and a famine *was* in the land, and the children of the Prophetes dwelt with him. And he said vnto his seruant, Set on the great pot, and see the pottage for the children of the Prophetes.

39 And one went out into the field, to gather herbes, and founde, *as it were*, a wilde vine, and gathered thereof wilde gourdes his garment ful, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knewe it not.

40 So they powred out for the men to eat: and when they did eat of the pottage, they cryed out, and said, O thou man of God, death *is* in the pot: and they colde not eat *thereof*.

41 Then he said, Bring meale. And he cast it into the pot, and said, Powre out for the people, that they may eat: and there was none euil in the pot.

42 ¶ Then came a man from Baal-shalisha, & broght the man of God bread of the first frutes, *euen* twentie loaues of barly, & full eares of corne in the huske. And he said, Giue vnto the people, that they may eat.

43 And his seruant answered, How shulde I set this before an hundreth men? He said againe, Giue it vnto the people, that they

may eat: for thus sayth the Lord, They shal eat, and there shal remaine.

44 So he set it before them, and thei did eat, and left ouer, according to the worde of the Lord.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Romans 9

C H A P. I X.

I Say the trueth in Christ, I lye not, my conscience bearing me
witness in the holie Gost,

2 That I haue great heauines and continual sorowe in mine heart.

3 For I wolde wish my self to be separate from Christ, for my brethren that are my kinsmen according to the flesh,

4 Which are the Israelites, to whome *perteineth* the adoption, and the glorie, and the Couenantes, and the giuing of the Law, and the seruice *of God*, and the promises.

5 Of whome *are* the fathers, and of whome concerning the flesh, Christ *came*, who is God ouer all blessed for euer, Amen.

6 Notwithstanding it can not be that the worde of God shulde take none effect: for all they are not Israel, which are of Israel:

7 Nether *are thei* all children, because thei are the sede of Abraham: but, In Isaac shal thy sede be called:

8 That is, they which are the children of the flesh, are not the children of God: but the children of the promes are counted for the sede.

9 For this is a worde of promes, In this same time wil I come, and Sara shal haue a sonne.

10 Nether *he* onelie *felt this*, but also Rebecca when she had conceiued by one, *euen* by our father Isaac.

11 For yer *the children* were borne, & when they had nether done good, nor euill (that the purpose of God might remaine according to election not by workes, but by him that calleth)

12 It was said vnto her, The elder shal serue the yonger.

13 As it is written, I haue loued Iacob, & haue hated Esau.

14 What shal we say then? Is there vnrighteousnes with God? God forbid.

15 For he saith to Moses, I wil haue mercie on him, to whome I wil shewe mercie: and wil haue compassion on him, on whome I wil haue compassion.

16 So then *it is* not in him that willeth, nor in him that runeth, but in God that sheweth mercie.

17 For the Scripture saith vnto Pharao, For this same purpose haue I stirred thee vp, that I might shewe my power in thee, and that my Name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18 Therefore he hathe mercie on whome he wil, & whome he wil, he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then vnto me, Why doeth he yet complaine? for who hathe resisted his wil?

20 But, ô man, who art thou which pleadest against God? shal the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hathe not the potter power of the claie to make of the same lompe one vessel to honour, and another vnto dishonour?

22 *What* and if God wolde, to shewe his wrath, and to make his power knowen, suffre with long pacience the vessels of wrath, prepared to destruction?

23 And that he might declare the riches of his glorie vpon the vessels of mercy, which he hathe prepared vnto glorie?

24 Euen vs whome he hathe called, not of of the Iewes onely, but also of the Gentiles,

25 As he saith also in Osee, I wil call them, My people, which were not my people: & her, Beloued, which was not beloued.

26 And it shalbe in the place where it was said vnto them, Ye are not my people, that there they shalbe called, The children of the liuing God.

27 Also Esaias cryeth concerning Israel, Thogh the number of the children of Israel were as the sand of the sea, *yet shall but* a remnant be saued.

28 For he wil make his account, & gather it into a short summe with righteousnes: for the Lord wil make a short count in the earth.

29 And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of hostes had left vs a sede, we had bene made as Sodom, and had bene like to Gomorrha.

30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles which folowed not righteousnes, haue attained vnto righteousnes, euen the righteousnes which is of faith.

31 But Israel which folowed the Law of righteousnes, colde not atteine vnto the Law of righteousnes.

32 Wherefore? Because *they soght it* not by faith, but as *it were* by the workes of the Law: for they haue stombled at the stombling stone,

33 As it is written, Beholde, I lay in Sion a stombling stone, and a rocke to make men fall: and euerie one that beleueth in him, shal not be ashamed.

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