

Sonnet 86: Venemous tongue

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Morning Prayer: Psa 71-2; 2Ki 11; Mat 12

Evening Prayer: Psa 73-4; 2Ki 12; Rom 13

Morning Prayer: Psalms 71-72

P S A L. L X X I.

N thee, ô Lord, I trust: let me never be ashamed.

2 Rescue me and deliver me in thy righteousness: 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 Deliver 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 staied 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 hathe 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 reprofe & 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 nomber.
- 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.

GIue 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 sauе 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 florish, & abundance of peace
shalbe so long as the moone endureth.

8 His dominion shalbe also from sea to sea, and from the Riuers
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, *euен* 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, *euен* 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, euен so be it.

H E R E E N D T H E praiers of Dauid, the sonne of Ishai.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: 2 Kings 11

C H A P. X I.

Then Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah when she saw that her sonne was dead, she arose, & destroyed all the Kings sede.

2 But Iehosheba the daughter of King Ioram, *and* sister to Ahaziah tooke Ioash the sonne of Ahaziah, & stale him from among the Kings sonnes that shulde be slaine, *bothe* him and his nource, *keeping them* in the bed chamber, and they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not slaine.

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the Lord six yere: and Athaliah did reigne ouer the land.

4 ¶ And the seuenth yere Iehoiada sent & toke the captaines ouer hundredths, with *other* captaines and them of the garde, and caused them to come vnto him into the house of the Lord, & made a couenant with them, & toke an othe of them in the house of the Lord, and shewed them the Kings sonne.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This is it that ye must do,
The third parte of you, that commeth on the Sabbath, shal warde
towarde the Kings house:

6 And *another* third parte in the gate of Sur: and *another* third
parte in the gate behinde them of the garde: & ye shal kepe watche
in the house of Massah.

7 And two partes of you, *that is*, all that go out on the Sabbath
day, shal kepe the watche of the house of the Lord about the King.

8 And ye shal compasse the King round about, euerie man with
his weapon in his hand, and whosoeuer commeth within the
ranges, let him be slaine: be you with the King, as he goeth out and
in.

9 ¶ And the captaines of the hundredths did according to all that
Iehoiada the Priest commanded, & they toke euery man his men
that entred in *to their charge* on the Sabbath with them that went
out *of it* on the Sabbath, and came to Iehoiada the Priest.

10 And the Priest gaue to the captaines of hundredths the speares
and the shieldes that were King Dauids, and were in the house of
the Lord.

11 And the garde stode, euerie man with his weapon in his hand,
from the right side of the house to the left side, about the altar &
about the house, round about the King.

12 Then he broght out the Kings sonne, and put the crowne vpon
him and *gaue him* the Testimonie, & they made him King: also
they anointed him, and clapt their hands, and said, God saue the
King.

13 ¶ And when Athaliah heard the noyse of the running of the
people, she came in to the people in the house of the Lord.

14 And when she looked, beholde, the King stode by a piller, as
the maner was, & the princes and the trumpeters by the King, and

all the people of the land reioyced, & blue with trumpets. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and cryed, Treason, treason.

15 But Iehoiada the Priest commanded the captaines of the hundreths that had the rule of the hoste, and said vnto them, Haue her forthe of the ranges, & he that followeth her, let him dye by the sworde: for the Priest had said, let her not be slayne in the house of the Lord.

16 Then they layed hands on her, & she went by the way, by the which the horses go to the house of the King, and there was she slaine.

17 And Iehoiada made a couenant betwene the Lord, and the King, and the people, that they shulde be the Lords people: likewise betwene the King and the people.

18 Then all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and destroyed it with his altars, & his images brake they downe courageously, and slewe Mattan the Priest of Baal before the altars: and the Priest set a garde ouer the house of the Lord.

19 Then he toke the captaines of hudreths, and the *other* captaines, and the garde, and all the people of the land: and they broght the King from the house of the Lord, and came by the way of the gate of the garde to the Kings house: & he sate him downe on the throne of the Kings.

20 And all the people of the land reioyced, and the citie was in quiet. for they had slaine Athaliah with the sworde beside the Kings house.

21 Seuen yere olde was Iehoash when he began to reigne.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Matthew 12

C H A P. XII.

AT that time Jesus went on a Sabbath day through ye corne, and his disciples were an hungred, & began to plucke the eares of corne and to eat.

2 And when the Pharises sawe it, they said vnto him, Beholde, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do vpon the Sabbath.

3 But he said vnto them, Haue ye not read what Dauid did when he was an hungred, and they that were with him?

4 Howe he entred into ye House of God, & ate the shewe bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nether for them which were with him, but onely for the Priests?

5 Or haue ye not red in the Law how that on the Sabbath dayes the Priests in the Temple breake the Sabbath, and are blameles?

6 But I say vnto you, that here is one greater then the Temple.

7 Wherfore if ye knewe what this is, I wil haue mercie, and not sacrifice, ye wolde not haue condemned the innocents.

8 For the sonne of man is Lord, *euen* of the Sabbath.

9 And he departed thence, and went into their Synagogue:

10 And beholde, there was a man which had *his* hand dried vp. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heale vpon a Sabbath day? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said vnto them, What man shal there be among you, that shal haue a shepe, & if it fall on a Sabbath day into a pit, wil not he take it and lift it out?

12 How muche more then is a man better then a shepe?

Therefore, it is lawful to do wel on a Sabbath day.

13 Then said he to the man, Stretch forthe thine hand. And he stretched it forthe, and it was made whole as the other.

14 Then the Pharises went out, and consulted against him, how they might destroye him.

15 But whe Jesus knewe it, he departed thence, and great multitudes followed him, & he healed them all,

16 And charged them that they shulde not make him knownen,

17 That it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by Esaias the Prophet, saying,

18 Beholde my seruant whome I haue chosen, my beloued in whome my soule deliteth: I wil put my Spirit on him, & he shal shewe iudgement to the Gentiles.

19 He shal not striue, nor crye, nether shal anie man heare his voyce in the stretes.

20 A bruised rede shal he not breake, and smoking flaxe shal he not quenshe, til he bring forthe iudgement vnto victorie.

21 And in his Name shal the Gentiles trust.

22 ¶ Then was broght to him one, possessed with a deuil, bothe blinde and domme, and he healed him, so that he *which was* blinde and domme, bothe spake and sawe.

23 And all the people were amased, & said, Is not this the sonne of Dauid?

24 But when the Pharises heard it, they said, This man casteth the deuils no otherwise out, but through Beelzebub the prince of deuils.

25 But Iesus knew their thoghtes, and said to them, Euerie kingdome deuided against it self, shalbe broght to naught: and euerie citie or house, deuided against it self, shal not stand.

26 So if Satan cast out Satan, he is deuided against him self: how shal then his kingdome endure?

27 Also if I through Beelzebub cast out deuils, by whome do your children cast them out? Therefore they shalbe your judges.

28 But if I cast out deuils by the Spirit of God, then is the kingdome of God come vnto you.

29 Els how can a man enter into a strong mans house and spoile his goods, except he first binde the strong man, and then spoile his house.

30 He that is not with me, is against me: & he that gathereth not with me, scattereth.

31 Wherefore I say vnto you, euerie sinne and blasphemie shalbe forgiuen vnto men: but the blasphemie *against* the holie Gost shal not be forgiuen vnto men.

32 And whosoeuer shal speake a word against the Sonne of man, it shalbe forgiuen him: but whosoeuer shal speake against the holie Gost, it shal not be forgiuen him, nether in this world nor in the worlde to come.

33 Ether make the tre good, and his frute good: or els make the tre euil, & his frute euil: for the tre is knownen by the frute.

34 O generacions of vipers, how can you speake good things, when ye are euill? For of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forthe good things: & an euil man out of an euil treasure, bringeth forthe euil things.

36 But I say vnto you, that of euerie idle word that men shal speake, they shal giue account thereof at the day of iudgement.

37 For by thy wordes thou shalt be iustified, and by thy wordes thou shalt be condemned.

38 ¶ Then answered certeine of the Scribes & of the Pharises, saying, Master, we wolde se a signe of thee.

39 But he answered, and said to them, An euil and adulterous generacion seketh a signe, but no signe shal be giuen vnto it, saue the signe of the Prophet Ionas.

40 For as Ionas was thre dayes, and thre nights in the whales bellie: so shal the Son of man be thre dayes and thre nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineue shal rise in iudgemet with this generacion, and condemne it: for they repented at the preaching of Ionas: and beholde, a greater then Ionas is here.

42 The Quene of the South shal rise in judgement with this generacion, and shal condemne it: for she came from the vtmost parties of the earth to heare the wisdome of Solomon: and beholde, a greater then Solomon *is* here.

43 ¶ Now when the vncleane spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh throughout drye places, seking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I wil returne into mine house, from whence I came: & when he is come, he findeth it emptie, swept & garnished.

45 ¶ Then he goeth, & taketh vnto him seuen other spirits worse then him self, and they entre in, and dwell there: and the end of that man is worse then the beginning. Euen so shal it be with this wicked generacion.

46 ¶ While he yet spake to ye multitude, beholde, his mother, & his brethren stode without, desiring to speake with him.

47 Then one said vnto him, Beholde, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speake with thee.

48 But he answered, and said to him that tolde him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And he stretched forthe his hand towarde his disciples, & said, Beholde my mother and my brethren.

50 For whosoeuer shal do my Fathers wil which is in heauen, the same is my brother and sister and mother.

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 Certeinely 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 thought 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 sliperie 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 Certeinely 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 drawe 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.

¶ 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
enemie 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, & *rased 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
enemie 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 riuier: thou dryedst vp
mighty 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 enemie hath 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 Congregacion of thy poore for euer.
- 20 Consider *thy* couenant: for the darke places of the earth are ful 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: 2 Kings 12

C H A P. X I I.

IN the seventh yere of Iehu Iehoash began to reigne, and reigned fourty yeres in Ierusalem, and his mothers name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Iehoash did that which was good in the sight of the Lord all his time that Iehoiada the Priest taught him.

3 But the hie places were not taken away: for the people offred yet and burnt incense in the hie places.

4 ¶ And Iehoash said to the Priests, All the siluer of dedicate things that be broght to the house of the Lord, *that is*, the money of them that are vnder the counte, the money that euerie man is set at, *and* all the money that one offreth willingly, and bringeth into the house of the Lord,

5 Let the Priests take it to them, euerie man of his acquaintance: and they shal repaire the broken places of the house, wheresoeuer anie decaye is found.

6 ¶ Yet in the three and twentieth yere of King Iehoash the Priests had not mended that which was decayed in the Temple.

7 Then King Iehoash called for Iehoiada the Priest, and the *other* Priests, and said vnto them, Why repaire ye not the ruines of the Temple? nowe therefore receiue nomore money of your acquaintance, except ye deliuier it to *repaire* the ruines of the Temple.

8 So the Priests consented to receiue no more money of the people, nether to repaire the decayed places of the Temple.

9 Then Iehoiada the Priest toke a chest & bored an hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the rightside, as euerie man commeth into the Temple of the Lord. And the Priests that kept the dore, put therein all the money that was broght into the house of the Lord.

10 And when they sawe there was muche money in the chest, the Kings secretary came vp & the hie Priest, and put it vp after that they had tolde the money that was founde in the house of the Lord,

11 And they gaue the money made ready into the hands of them, that vndertoke the worke, *and* that had the ouersight of the house of the Lord: and they payed it out to the carpenters and buylders that wrought vpon the house of the Lord,

12 And to the masons and hewers of stone, and to bye tymber and hewed stone, to repaire that was decayed in the house of the Lord, and for all that which was layed out for the reparacion of the Temple.

13 Howbeit there was not made for the house of the Lord bowles of siluer, instruments of musike, basons, trumpets, nor anie vessels of golde, or vessels of siluer of the money that was broght into the house of the Lord.

14 But they gaue it to the workemen, which repaired therewith the house of the Lord.

15 Moreouer, they reckoned not with the men, into whose hands they deliuered that money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

16 The money of the trespassse offring and the money of the sinne offrings was not broght into the house of the Lord: *for* it was the Priests.

17 ¶ Then came vp Hazael King of Aram, and fough against Gath and toke it, and Hazael set his face to go vp to Ierusalem.

18 And Iehoash King of Iudah toke all the hallowed things that Iehoshaphat, & Iehoram, and Ahaziah his fathers Kings of Iudah had dedicate, and that he him selfe had dedicated, and all the golde that was founde in the treasures of the house of the Lord and in the Kings house, and sent it to Hazael King of Aram, and he departed from Ierusalem.

19 Concerning the rest of the actes of Ioash and all that he did, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah?

20 ¶ And his seruants arose and wroght treason, and slewe Ioash in the house of Millo, when he came downe to Silla:

21 Euen Iozachar the sonne of Shimeath, and Iehozabad the sonne of Shomer his seruants smote him, and he dyed: and they buried him with his fathers in the citie of Dauid. And Amaziah his sonne reigned in his steade.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Romans 13

C H A P. X I I .

Let euerie soule be subiect vnto the higher powers: for there is no power but of God: & the powers that be, are ordeined of God.

2 Whosoeuer therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist, shal receiue to them selues iudgement.

3 For princes are not to be feared *for* good workes, but *for* euil.

Wilt thou then be without feare of the power? do well: so shalt thou haue praise of the same.

4 For he is the minister of God for thy wealth, but if thou do euil, feare: for he beareth not the sworde for noght: for he is the minister of God to take vengeance on him that doeth euil.

5 Wherefore ye must be subiect, not because of wrath onely, but also for conscience sake.

6 For, for this cause ye paye also tribute: for they are Gods ministers, applying them selues for the same thing.

7 Giue to all men therefore their duetie: tribute, to whome *ye owe* tribute: custome, to whom custome: feare, to whome feare: honour, to whom *ye owe* honour.

8 Owe nothing to any man, but to loue one another: for he that loueth another, hathe fulfilled the Law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adulterie, Thou shalt not kil, Thou shalt not steale, Thou shalt not beare false witnes, Thou shalt not couet: and if there be any other commandement, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, *euen* in this, Thou shalt loue thy neighbour as thy self.

10 Loue doeth not euil to his neighbour: therefore is loue the fulfilling of the Law.

11 And that, considering the season, that *it is* now time that we shulde arise from slepe: for now is our saluation nerer, then when we beleued it.

12 The night is past, & the day is at hand, let vs therefore cast away the workes of darkenes, and let vs put on the armour of light,

13 So that we walke honestly, as in the day: not in glotonie, and
dronkennes, nether in chambering and wantonnes, nor in strife and
enuying.

14 But put ye on the Lord I E S V S C H R I S T, and take no
thoght for the flesh, to fulfil the lustes of it.

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