

## Sonnet 88: Since I haue lackt

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Morning Prayer: Psa 79-81; 2Ki 15; Mat 14

Evening Prayer: Psa 82-5; 2Ki 16; Rom 15

### *Morning Prayer: Psalms 79-81*

P S A L. L X X I X.

¶ *A Psalme committed to Asaph.*

**O** God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance: thine  
holie Temple haue they defiled, & made Ierusalem heapes of  
*stones.*

2 The dead bodies of thy seruants haue thei giuen to be meat vnto  
foules of the heauen: *and* the flesh of thy Sainctes vnto the beastes  
of the earth.

3 Their blood haue thei shed like waters round about Ierusalem,  
and there was none to burye them.

4 We are a reproche to our neighbours, *euen* a scorne and derision  
vnto them that are round about vs.

5 Lord, how long wilt thou be angrie, for euer? shal thy gelousie  
burne like fyer?

6 Powre out thy wrath vpon the heathen that haue not knowen  
thee, and vpon the kingdomes that haue not called vpon thy Name.

7 For thei haue deuoured Iaakob and made his dwelling place  
desolate.

8 Remember not against vs the former iniquities, *but* make haste  
& let thy tendre mercies preuent vs: for we are in great miserie.

9 Helpe vs, ô God of our saluacion, for the glorie of thy Name,  
and deliuer vs, and be merciful vnto our sinnes for thy names sake.

10 Wherefore shulde the heathen saie, Where is their God? let him be knowen among the heathen in our sight by the vengeance of the blood of thy seruants that is shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoners come before thee: according to thy mightie arme preserue the children of death,

12 And render to our neighbours seuen folde into their bosome their reproche, wherewith they haue reproched thee, ô Lord.

13 So we thy people, and shepe of thy pasture shal praise thee for euer: and from generation to generation we wil set forthe thy praise.

P S A L. L X X X.

*¶ To him that excelleth on Shoshannim Eduth.*

*A Psalme committed to Asaph.*

**H**Eare, ô thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Ioseph like shepe: shew *thy* brightnes, thou that sittest betwene the Cherubims.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stirre vp thy strength, and come to helpe vs.

3 Turne vs againe, ô God, and cause thy face to shine that we maie be saued.

4 O Lord God of hostes, how long wilt thou be angrie against the praier of thy people?

5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of teares, and giuen them teares to drinke with greate measure.

6 Thou hast made vs a strife vnto our neighbours, and our enemies laugh *at vs* among them selues.

7 Turne vs againe, ô God of hostes: cause thy face to shine, and we shalbe saued.

8 Thou hast broght a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou madest roume for it, and didest cause it to take roote, and it filled the land.

10 The mountaines were couered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodlie cedres.

11 She stretched out her branches vnto the Sea, and her boughes vnto the Riuer.

12 Why hast thou *then* broken downe her hedges, so that all thei, which passe by the waie, haue plucked her?

13 The wilde bore out of the wood hathe destroied it, and the wilde beastes of the field haue eaten it vp.

14 Returne we beseech thee, ô God of hostes: loke downe from heauen and beholde and visit this vine,

15 And the vineyarde, that thy right hand hathe planted, and the yong vine, *which* thou madest strong for thy self.

16 It is burnt with fyer *and* cut downe: *and* they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thine hand be vpon the man of thy right hand, *and* vpon the sonne of man, *whome* thou madest strong for thine owne self.

18 So wil not we go backe from thee: reuiue thou vs, and we shal call vpon thy Name.

19 Turne vs againe, ô Lord God of hostes: cause thy face to shine and we shalbe saued.

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

¶ *To him that excelleth vpon Gittith. A Psalme committed to Asaph.*

**S**ing ioyfully vnto God our strength: sing loude vnto the God of Iaakob.

2 Take the song and bring forthe the timbrel, the pleasant harpe with the viole.

3 Blowe the trumpet in the newemoone, *euen* in the time appointed, at our feastdaie.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, & a Law of the God of Iaakob.

5 He set this in Ioseph for a testimonie, when he came out of the land of Egypt, *where* I heard a language, that I vnderstode not.

6 I haue withdrawen his shulder from the burden, & his handes haue left the pottes.

7 Thou calledst in affliction and I deliuered thee, *and* answered thee in the secret of the thunder: I proued thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

8 Heare, ô my people, and I wil protest vnto thee: ô Israel, if thou wilt hearken vnto me,

9 Let there be no strange god in thee, nether worship thou any strange god.

10 *For* I am the Lord thy God, which broght thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide and I wil fil it.

11 But my people wolde not heare my voice, and Israel wolde none of me.

12 So I gaue them vp vnto the hardenes of their heart, & thei haue walked in their owne counsels.

13 Oh that my people had hearkened vnto me, & Israel had walked in my waies.

14 I wolde sone haue humbled their enemies, and turned mine hand against their aduersaries.

15 The haters of the Lord shulde haue bene subiect vnto him, and their time shulde haue endured for euer.

16 And *God* wolde haue fed them with the fat of wheat, and with honie out of the rocke would I haue sufficed thee.

## ***Morning Prayer: 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 2 Kings 15***

### C H A P. X V.

**I**N the seuen & twentieth yere of Ieroboam King of Israel, began Azariah, sonne of Amaziah King of Iudah to reigne.

2 Sixtene yere olde was he, when he was made King, and he reigned two and fiftie yere in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Iecholiah of Ierusalem.

3 And he did vprihtly in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

4 But the hie places were not put away: *for* the people yet offred, and burned incense in the hie places.

5 And the Lord smote the King: and he was a leper vnto the day of his death, and dwelt in an house aparte, and Iotham the Kings sonne gouerned the house, & iudged the people of the land.

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

7 So Azariah slept with his fathers, & they buryed him with his fathers in the citie of Daud, and Iotham his sonne reigned in his steade.

8 ¶ In the eight and thirtieth yere of Azariah King of Iudah did Zachariah the sonne of Ieroboam reigne ouer Israel in Samaria six monethes,

9 And did euil in the sight of the Lord, as did his fathers: *for* he departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nemat, which made Israel to sinne.

10 And Shallum the sonne of Iabesh conspired against him, & smote him in the sight of the people, and killed him, & reigned in his steade.

11 Concerning the rest of the actes of Zachariah, beholde, they are writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

12 This was the worde of the Lord, which he spake vnto Iehu, saying, Thy sonnes shal sit on the throne of Israel vnto the fourte *generacion* after thee. And it came so to passe.

13 ¶ Shallum the sonne of Iabesh began to reigne in the nine and thirtieth yere of Vzziah King of Iudah: and he reigned the space of a moneth in Samaria.

14 For Menahem the sonne of Gadi went vp from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, & smote Shallum the sonne of Iabesh in Samaria, & slew him, & reigned in his stead.

15 Concerning the rest of the acts of Shallum, and the treason which he wrought, beholde, they are writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

16 ¶ Then Menahem destroyed Tiphseh, and all that were therein, and the coastes thereof from Tirzah, because they opened not to him, and he smote it, and ript vp all their women with childe.

17 The nine and thirtieth yere of Azariah King of Iudah, began Menahem the sonne of Gadi to reigne ouer Israel, & *reigned* ten yeres in Samaria.

18 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, and departed not all his dayes from the sinne of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne.

19 ¶ Then Phul the king of Asshur came against the land: & Menahem gaue Phul a thousand talents of siluer, that his hand might be with him, & establish the kingdome in his hand.

20 And Menahem exacted the money in Israel, that all men of substance shulde giue the King of Asshur fifty shekels of siluer a piece: so the King of Asshur returned & taried not there in the land.

21 Concerning the rest of the actes of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers, & Pekahiah his sonne did reigne in his stead.

23 ¶ In the fiftieth yere of Azariah king of Iudah, began Pekahiah the sonne of Menahem to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, & *reigned* two yere.

24 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord: for he departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne.

25 And Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, his captaine conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria in the place of the Kings palace with Argob and Arieih, & with him fifty men of the Gileadites: so he killed him, and reigned in his steade.

26 Concerning the rest of the actes of Pekahiah, and all that he did, beholde, they are writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

27 In the two and fiftieth yere of Azariah King of Iudah began Pekah the sonne of Remaliah to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twentie yere.

28 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord: for he departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, that made Israel to sinne.

29 In the dayes of Pekah King of Israel came Tiglath Pileser King of Asshur, and toke Iion, & Abel, Beth-maachah, & Ianoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilah, & all the land of Naphtali, and caried them away to Asshur.

30 And Hoshea the sonne of Elah wroght treason against Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, and smote him, and slewe him, & reigned in his steade in the twentieth yere of Iotham the sonne of Vziah.

31 Concerning the rest of the actes of Pekah, and all that he did, beholde, they are writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

32 ¶ In the second yere of Pekah the sonne of Remaliah King of Israel, began Iotham sonne of Vzziah King of Iudah to reigne.

33 Fiue and twentie yere olde was he, when he began to reigne, and he reigned sixtene yere in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Ierusha the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did vprightly in the sight of the Lord: he did according to all that his father Vzziah had done.

35 But the hie places were not put away: *for* the people yet offred & burnt incense in the hie places: he buylt the hiest gate of the house of the Lord.

36 Concerning the rest of the acts of Iotham, & all that he dyd, are thei not writen in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah?

37 In those dayes the Lord began to send against Iudah Rezin the King of Aram, and Pekah the sonne of Remaliah.

38 And Iotham slept with his fathers, and was buryed with his fathers in the citie of Daud his father, & Ahaz his sonne reigned in his steade.

***Morning Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Matthew 14***

C H A P. X I I I I.

**A**T that time Herode the Tetrarche heard of the fame of Iesus,  
 2 And said vnto his seruants, This is that Iohn Baptist. He is risen againe from the dead, and therefore great workes are wrought by him.

3 For Herode had taken Iohn, and bounde him, and put him in prison for Herodias sake, his brother Philips wife.

4 For Iohn said vnto him, It is not lawful for thee to haue her.

5 And when he wolde haue put him to death, he feared the multitude, because thei counted him as a Prophet.

6 But when Herodes birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herode.

7 Wherefore he promised with an othe, that he wold giue her whatsoever she wolde aske.

8 And she being before instructed of her mother, said, Giue me here Iohn Baptists head in a platter.

9 And the King was sorie: neuertheles because of the othe, and them that sate with him at the table, he commanded it to be giuen *her*,

10 And sent, and beheaded Iohn in the prison.

11 And his head was broght in a platter, and giuen to the maide, and she brought it vnto her mother.

12 And his disciples came, and toke vp his bodie, and buried it, and went, and tolde Iesus.

13 And when Iesus heard it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place aparte. And when the multitude had heard it, they followed him a fote out of the cities.

14 And Iesus went forthe and sawe a great multitude, and was moued with compassion towarde them, and he healed their sicke.

15 ¶ And when euen was come, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the houre is alreadie paste: let the multitude departe, that they may go into the townes, and bye them vitailles.

16 But Iesus said to them, They haue no nede to go away: giue ye them to eat.

17 Then said they vnto him, We haue here but fiue loaves, and two fishes.

18 And he saide, Bring them hether to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit downe on the grasse, and toke the fiue loaves and the two fishes, and loked vp to heauen

and blessed, and brake, and gaue the loaues to his disciples, & the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eate, and were sufficed, and they toke vp of the fragments that remained, twelue baskets ful.

21 And thei that had eaten, were about fiue thousande men, beside women & litle children.

22 ¶ And straightway Iesus compelled his disciples to enter into a ship, and to go ouer before him, while he sent the multitude away.

23 And assone as he had sent the multitude away, he went vp into a mountaine alone to pray: and when the euening was come, he was there alone.

24 And the ship was now in the middes of the sea, and was tossed with waues: for it was a contrarie winde.

25 And in the fourth watche of the night, Iesus went vnto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when his disciples sawe him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit, and cryed out for feare.

27 But straight way Iesus spake vnto them, saying, Be of good comfort, It is I: be not afraied.

28 Then Peter answered him, & said, Master, if it be thou, byd me come vnto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come downe out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Iesus.

30 But when he sawe a mightie winde, he was afraied: and as he beganne to sinke, he cryed, saying, Master, saue me.

31 So immediatly Iesus stretched forthe his hand, and caught him, and said to him, O thou of litle faith, wherefore didest thou dout?

32 And assone as they were come into the ship, the winde ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship, came and worshipped him, saying, Of a trueth thou art the sonne of God.

34 ¶ And when they were come ouer, thei came into the land of Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place knewe him, they sent out into all that countrey rounde about, and broght vnto him all that were sicke,

36 And besoght him, that they might touch the hemme of his garment onely: & as manie as touched it, were made whole.

### ***Evening Prayer: Psalms 82-85***

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

¶ *A Psalme committed to Aspah.*

**G**od standeth in the assemblie of gods: he iudgeth among gods.

2 How long wil ye iudge vniustly, and accept the persones of the wicked? Selah.

3 Do right to the poore and fatherles: do iustice to the poore and nedie.

4 Deliuer the poore and nedie: saue *them* from the hand of the wicked.

5 They knowe not & vnderstand nothing: they walke in darkenes, *albeit* all the fundacions of the earth be moued.

6 I haue said, Ye are gods, and ye all are children of the most High.

7 But ye shal dye as a man, & ye princes, shal fall like others.

8 O God, arise, *therefore* iudge thou the earth: for thou shalt inherite all nations.

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

¶ *A song, or Psalme committed to Asaph.*

**K**Epe not thou silence, ô God: be not stil and cease not, ô God.

- 2 For lo, thine enemies make a tumulte: & they that hate thee, haue lifted vp the head.
- 3 Thei haue taken craftie counsel against thy people, and haue consulted against thy secret ones.
- 4 Thei haue said, Come and let vs cut them of from being a nation: and let the name of Israel be no more in remembrance.
- 5 For thei haue consulted together in heart, & haue made a league against thee:
- 6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Agarims:
- 7 Gebal and Ammon, and Amalech, the Philistims with the inhabitants of Tyrus:
- 8 Asshur also is ioyned with them: thei haue bene an arme to the children of Lot. Selah.
- 9 Do thou to them as vnto the Midianites: as to Sisera & as to Iabin at the riuer of Kishon.
- 10 Thei perished at En-dor, & were dongue for the earth.
- 11 Make them, *euen* their princes like Oreb and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes like Zebah and like Zalmuna.
- 12 Which haue said, Let vs take for our possession the habitacions of God.
- 13 O my God, make them like vnto a whele, & as the stubble before the winde.
- 14 As the fyer burneth the forest, and as the flame setteth the mountaines on fyre:
- 15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraied with thy storme.
- 16 Fil their faces with shame, that thei maie seke thy Name, ô Lord.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled for euer: yea, let them be put to shame and perish,

18 That they maie knowe that thou, which art called Iehouah, art alone, *euen* the moste High ouer all the earth.

PSAL. LXXIII.

¶ *To him that excelleth upon Gittith. A Psalme committed to the sonnes of Korah.*

**O** Lord of hostes, howe amiable *are* thy Tabernacles!

2 My soule longeth, yea, & fainteth for the courtes of the Lord: *for* mine heart and my flesh reioyce in the liuing God.

3 Yea, the sparowe hathe founde *her* an house, and the swallows a nest for her, where she maie lay her yong: *euen* by thine altars, ô Lord of hostes, my King *and* my God.

4 Blessed *are* thei that dwell in thine house: they wil euer praise thee. Selah.

5 Blessed *is* the man, whose strength *is* in thee, & in whose heart *are thy* waies.

6 They going through the vale of Baca, make welles therein: the raine also couereth the pooles.

7 They go from strength to strength, *til euerie one* appeare before God in Zion.

8 O Lord God of hostes, heare my praier: hearken, ô God of Iaakob. Selah.

9 Beholde, ô God, our shield, & loke vpon the face of thine Anointed.

10 For a daie in thy courtes is better then a thousand *other where*: I had rather be a dorekeper in the House of my God, then to dwell in the tabernacles of wickednes.

11 For the Lord God is the sunne & shield *vnto vs*: the Lord wil giue grace & glorie, & no good thing wil he withhold from them that walke vprightly.

12 O Lord of hostes, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

P S A L. L X X X V.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme committed to the sonnes of Korah.*

**L**ord, thou hast bene fauourable vnto thy land: thou hast broght againe the captiuitie of Iaakob.

2 Thou hast forgiuen the iniquitie of thy people, *and* couered all their sinnes. Selah.

3 Thou hast withdrawen all thine angre, & hast turned backe from the fiercenes of thy wrath.

4 Turne vs, ô God of our saluacion, & release thine angre towards vs.

5 Wilt thou be angrie with vs for euer? & wilt thou prolong thy wrath from one generacion to another?

6 Wilt thou not turne againe *and* quicken vs, that thy people maie reioyce in thee?

7 Shew vs thy mercie, ô Lord, and grante vs thy saluacion.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will saie: for he wil speake peace vnto his people, & to his Saints, that they turne not againe to folie.

9 Surely his saluacion is nere to them that feare him, that glorie maie dwell in our land.

10 Mercie and trueth shal mete: righteousnes and peace shall kisse *one another*.

11 Trueth shal bud out of the earth, and righteousnes shal loke downe from heauen.

12 Yea, the Lord shal giue good things, and our land shal giue her increase.

13 Righteousnes shal go before him, and shal set her steps in the waie.

***Evening Prayer: 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 2 Kings 16***

C H A P. X V I.

**T**He seuenteenth yeere of Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, Ahaz the sonne of Iotham King of Iudah began to reigne.

2 Twentie yere olde was Ahaz, when he began to reigne, and he reigned sixtene yere in Ierusalem, and did not vprightely in the sight of the Lord his God, like Daudid his father:

3 But walked in the way of the Kings of Israel, yea, & made his sonne to go thorow the fyre, after the abominations of the heathen, whome the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

4 Also he offred and burnt incense in the hie places and on the hilles, & vnder euerie grene tre.

5 Then Rezin king of Aram and Pekah sonne of Remaliah King of Israel came vp to Ierusalem to fight: & they besieged Ahaz, but colde not ouercome him.

6 At the same time Rezin King of Aram restored Elath to Aram, and droue the Iewes from Elath: so the Aramites came to Elath, and dwelt there vnto this day.

7 Then Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath Pileser King of Asshur, saying, I am thy seruant and thy sonne: come vp, and deliuer me out of the hand of the King of Aram, and out of the hand of the King of Israel which rise vp against me.

8 And Ahaz toke the siluer and the golde that was founde in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the Kings house, and sent a present vnto the King of Asshur.

9 And the King of Asshur consented vnto him: and the King of Asshur went vp against Damascus. and when he had taken it, he caried the people away to Kir, and slew Rezin.

10 And King Ahaz went vnto Damascus to mete Tiglath Pileser King of Asshur: and when King Ahaz sawe the altar that was at Damascus, he sent to Vriiah the Priest the patern of the altar, and the facion of it, and all the workemanship thereof.

11 And Vriiah the Priest made an altar in all pointes like to that which King Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so did Vriiah the Priest against King Ahaz came from Damascus.

12 So when the King was come from Damascus, the King sawe the altar: & the King drewe nere to the altar and offred thereon.

13 And he burnt his burnt offering, and his meat offering, & powred his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings besides the altar,

14 And *set it* by the brasen altar which was before the Lord, and broght it in farther before the house betweene the altar and the house of the Lord, & set it on the Northside of the altar.

15 And King Ahaz commanded Vriiah the Priest, and said, Vpon the great altar set on fyre in the morning the burnt offering, and in the euen the meat offering, and the Kings burnt offering and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings: and powre thereby all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice, and the brasen altar shalbe for me to inquire *of God*.

16 And Vriiah the Priest did according to all that King Ahaz had commanded.

17 And King Ahaz brake the borders of the bases, and toke the caldrons from of them, and toke downe the sea from the brasen oxen that were vnder it, and put it vpon a pauement of stones.

18 And the vaile for the Sabbath (that they had made in the house) & the Kings entrie without turned he to the house of the Lord, because of the King of Asshur.

19 Concerning the rest of the actes of Ahaz, which he did, are they not written in the boke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, & was buryed with his fathers in the citie of Daud, & Hezekiah his sonne reigned in his steade.

### ***Evening Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Romans 15***

#### C H A P. X V.

**W**E which are strong, ought to beare the infirmities of the weake, and not to please our selues.

2 *Therefore* let euerie man please his neighbour in that that is good to edification.

3 For Christ also wolde not please him self, but as it is written, The rebukes of them which rebuke thee, fel on me.

4 For whatsoever things are written aforetime, are written for our learning, that we through pacience, & comfort of the Scriptures might haue hope.

5 Now the God of pacience and consolation giue you that ye be like minded one towards another, according to Christ Iesus,

6 That ye with one minde, *and* with one mouth may prayse God, euen the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ.

7 Wherefore receiue ye one another, as Christ also receiued vs to the glorie of God.

8 Now I say, that Iesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision, for the trueth of God, to confirme the promises *made* vnto the fathers.

9 And let the Gentiles praise God, for *his* mercie, as it is written,  
For this cause I wil confesse thee among the Gentiles, and sing  
vnto thy Name.

10 And againe he saith, Reioyce, ye Gentiles with his people.

11 And againe, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles, & laude ye him,  
all people together.

12 And againe Esaias saith, There shalbe a roote of Iesse, and he  
that shal rise to reigne ouer the Gentiles, in him shal the Gentiles  
trust.

13 Now the God of hope fil you with all ioye, and peace in  
beleuing, that ye may abunde in hope, through the power of the  
holie Gost.

14 And I my self also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye  
also are full of goodnes, and filled with all knowledge, and are able  
to admonish one another.

15 Neuertheles, brethren, I haue somewhat boldly after a sort  
written vnto you, as one that putteth you in remembrance, through  
the grace that is giuen me of God,

16 That I should be the minister of Iesus Christ towarde the  
Gentiles, ministring the Gospel of God, that the offring vp of the  
Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the holie Gost.

17 I haue therefore whereof I may reioyce in Christ Iesus in those  
things which *perteine* to God.

18 For I dare not speake of anie thing, which Christ hathe not  
wroght by me, *to make* the Gentiles obedient in worde and dede,

19 With the power of signes and wonders, by the power of the  
Spirit of God: so that from Ierusalem, and rounde about vnto  
Illyricum, I haue caused to abunde the Gospel of Christ.

20 Yea, so I enforced my self to preache the Gospel, not where  
Christ was named, lest I shulde haue buylt on another mans  
foundation.

21 But as it is written, To whome he was not spoken of, they shall see *him*, & they that heard not, shall vnderstand *him*.

22 Therefore also I haue bene oft let to come vnto you:

23 But now seing I haue no more place in these quarters, and also haue bene desirous manie yeres agone to come vnto you,

24 When I shall take my iourney into Spaine, I wil come to you: for I trust to see you in my iorney, & to be brought on my way thitherwarde by you, after that I haue bene somewhat filled with your companie.

25 But now go I to Ierusalem, to minister vnto the Saintes.

26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia, to make a certeine distribution vnto the poore Saintes which are at Ierusalem.

27 For it hath pleased them, and their detters are they: for if the Gentiles be made partakers of their spiritual things, their duetie is also to minister vnto them in carnal things.

28 When I haue therefore performed this, and haue sealed them this frute, I wil passe by you into Spaine.

29 And I knowe when I come, that I shall come to you with abundance of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

30 Also brethren, I beseeche you for our Lord Iesus Christs sake, and for the loue of the Spirit, that ye wolde striue with me by prayers to God for me.

31 That I may be deliuered from them which are disobedient in Iudea, & that my seruice which I haue to do at Ierusalem, may be accepted of the Saintes,

32 That I may come vnto you with ioy by the wil of God, & may with you be refreshed.

33 Thus the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

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