

Sonnet 8: More then most faire

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Morning Prayer: Psa 144-6; Exo 7; Mat 27

Evening Prayer: Psa 147-50; Exo 8; 1Co 11

Morning Prayer: Psalms 144-146

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

¶ A Psalme of *Dauid*.

Blessed *be* the Lord my strength, which teacheth mine hands
to fight, and my fingers to battel.

2 *He is* my goodnes and my fortres, my tower & my deliuerer, my
shield, and in him I trust, which subdueth my people vnder me.

3 Lord, what is man that thou regardest him! *or* the sonne of man
that thou thinkest vpon him!

4 Man is like to vanitie: his daies *are* like a shadowe, that
vanisheth.

5 Bowe thine heauens, ô Lorde, and come downe: touche the
mountaines & thei shal smoke.

6 Cast forthe the lightening & scatter them: shote out thine
arrowes, and consume them.

7 Send thine hand from aboue: deliuer me, and take me out of the
great waters, *and* from the hand of strangers,

8 Whose mouth talketh vanitie, and their right hand is a right
hand of falsehode.

9 I wil sing a newe song vnto thee, ô God, & sing vnto thee vpon
a viole, & an instrument of ten strings.

10 *It is he* that giueth deliuerance vnto Kings, & rescueth *Dauid*
his seruant from the hurtful sworde.

11 Rescue me, and deliuer me from the hand of strangers, whose mouth talketh vanitie, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehode:

12 That our sonnes *maye be* as the plantes growing vp in their youth, & our daughters as the corner *stones*, grauen after the similitude of a palace:

13 That our corners *may be* ful, *and* abunding with diuers sortes, *and* that our shepe may bring forthe thousands and ten thousand in our streetes:

14 That our oxen may be strong to labour: that there be none inuasion, nor going out, nor no crying in our streetes.

15 Blessed are the people, that be so, *yea*, blessed *are* the people, whose God is the Lord.

P S A L. C X L V.

¶ A Psalme of *Dauid* of prayse.

O My God *and* King, I wil extoll thee, and will blesse thy Name for euer and euer.

2 I will blesse thee daily, and praise thy Name for euer and euer.

3 Great *is* the Lord, & moste worthie to be praised, and his greatnes *is* incomprehensible.

4 Generacion shal praise thy workes vnto generacion, and declare thy power.

5 I wil meditate of the beautie of thy glorious maiestie, & thy wonderful workes,

6 And they shal speake of the power of thy feareful Actes, and I wil declare thy greatnes.

7 They shal breake out into the mencion of thy great goodnes, & shal sing aloude of thy righteousnes.

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, slowe to angre, and of great mercie.

- 9 The Lord is good to all, & his mercies *are* ouer all his workes.
- 10 All thy workes praise thee, ô Lord, and thy Saints blesse thee.
- 11 They shewe the glorie of thy kingdome, and speake of thy power,
- 12 To cause his power to be knowen to the sonnes of men, & the glorious renome of his kingdome.
- 13 Thy kingdome *is* an euerlasting kingdome, & thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord vpholdeth all that fall, and lifteth vp all that are readie to fall.
- 15 The eyes of all waite vpon thee, and thou giuest them their meat in due season
- 16 Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things liuing of *thy* good pleasure.
- 17 The Lord *is* righteous in all his waies, and holie in all his workes.
- 18 The Lord *is* nere vnto all that call vpon him: *yea*, to all that call vpon him in trueth.
- 19 He wil fulfill the desire of them that feare him: he also wil heare their crye, & wil saue them.
- 20 The Lord preserueth all them that loue him: but he wil destroye all the wicked.
- 21 My mouth shal speake the praise of the Lord, and all flesh shal blesse his holie Name for euer and euer.

P S A L. C X L V I.

¶ *Praise ye the Lord.*

PRaise thou the Lord, ô my soule.

2 I wil praise the Lord during my life: as long as I haue anie being, I wil sing vnto my God.

- 3 Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the sonne of man, for there is none help in him.
- 4 His breath departeth, & he returneth to his earth: then his thoughts perish.
- 5 Blessed *is* he, that hathe the God of Iaakob for his helpe, whose hope is in the Lord his God.
- 6 Which made heaven & earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which kepeth *his* fidelitie for euer:
- 7 Which executeth iustice for the oppressed: which giueth bread to the hungrie: the Lord looseth the prisoners.
- 8 The Lord giueth sight to the blinde: the Lord raiseth vp the croked: the Lord loueth the righteous.
- 9 The Lord kepeth the strangers: he relieueth the fatherles and widowe: but he ouerthroweth the way of the wicked.
- 10 The Lord shal reigne for euer: ô Zion, thy God *endureth* from generacion to generacion. Praise ye the Lord.

Morning Prayer - 1st Lesson: Exodus 7

CHAP. VII.

Then the Lord said to Moses, Beholde, I haue made thee Pharaohs God, & Aaron thy brother shal be thy Prophet.

2 Thou shalt speake all that I commanded thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speake vnto Pharaoh, that he suffre the children of Israel to go out of his land.

3 But I wil harden Pharaohs heart, and multiplie my miracles and my wondres in the land of Egypt.

4 And Pharaoh shal not hearken vnto you, that I may lay mine hand vpon Egypt, & bring out mine armies, *euen* my people, the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, by great iudgements.

5 Then the Egyptians shal know that I am the Lord, when I stretch
forthe mine hand vpon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel
from among them.

6 So Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded them, *euen* so
did they.

7 (Now Moses was foure score yere olde, & Aaron foure score
and thre, when thei spake vnto Pharaoh)

8 ¶ And the Lord had spoken vnto Moses and Aaron, saying,

9 If Pharaoh speake vnto you, saying, Shewe a miracle for you,
then thou shalt say vnto Aaron, Take thy rod, & cast it before
Pharaoh, *and* it shal be *turned* into a serpent.

10 ¶ Then went Moses and Aaron vnto Pharaoh, and did euen as
the Lord had commanded: and Aaron caste forthe his rod before
Pharaoh and before his seruants, and it was *turned* into a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh called also for the wise men and sorcerers: and
those charmers also of Egypt did in like maner with their
enchantements.

12 For they cast downe euerie man his rod, and thei were *turned*
into serpents: but Aarons rod deuoured their rods.

13 So Pharaohs heart was hardened, & he hearkned not to them,
as the Lord had said.

14 ¶ The Lorde then said vnto Moses, Pharaohs heart is obstinat,
he refuseth to let the people go.

15 Go vnto Pharaoh in the morning, (lo, he wil come vnto the
water) & thou shalt stand & mete him by the riuers brinke, and the
rod, which was turned into a serpent, shalt thou take in thine hand.

16 And thou shalt say vnto him, The Lord God of the Ebrews
hath sent me vnto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may
serue mee in the wildernes: & beholde, hitherto thou woldest not
heare.

17 Thus saith the Lord, In this thou shalt knowe that I am the Lord: beholde, I wil smite with the rod that is in mine hand vpon the water that is in the riuer, & it shalbe turned to blood.

18 And the fish that is in the riuer shal dye, and the riuer shal stinke, & it shal grieue the Egyptians to drinke of the water of the riuer.

19 ¶ The Lord then spake to Moses, Say vnto Aaron, Take thy rod, & stretch out thine hand ouer the waters of Egypt, ouer their streames, ouer their riuers, & ouer their pondes, and ouer all pooles of their waters, and they shalbe blood, and there shalbe blood through out all the land of Egypt, bothe in *vessels* of wood, & of stone.

20 So Moses and Aaron did euen as the Lord commanded: and hee lift vp the rod, and smote the water that was in the riuer in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his seruants: and all the water that was in the riuer, was turned into blood.

21 And the fish that was in the riuer dyed, and the riuer stanke: so that the Egyptians colde not drinke of the water of the riuer: and there was blood through out all the land of Egypt.

22 And the enchanter of Egypt did likewise with their sorceries: & the heart of Pharaoh was hardened: so that he did not hearken vnto them, as the Lord had said.

23 Then Pharaoh returned, & went againe into his house, nether did this yet entre into his heart.

24 All the Egyptians then digged rounde about the riuer for waters to drinke. for they colde not drinke of the water of the riuer.

25 And this continued fully seuen daies after the Lord had smitten the riuer.

Morning Prayer – 2nd Lesson: Matthew 27

CHAP. XXVII.

When the morning was come, all the chief Priests, & the Elders of the people toke counsel against Iesus, to put him to death,

2 And led him away bounde, and deliuered him vnto Pontius Pilate the gouernour.

3 Then when Iudas which betrayed him, sawe that he was condemned, he repented him self, and broght againe the thirtie *pieces* of siluer to the chiefe Priests, and Elders,

4 Saying, I haue sinned, betraying the innocent blood. But they said, What is that to vs? se thou to it.

5 And when he had cast downe the siluer *pieces* in the Temple, hee departed, and went, and hanged him self.

6 And the chief Priests toke the siluer *pieces*, and said, It is not lawful for vs to put them into the treasure, because it is the price of blood.

7 And they toke counsel, and boght with them a potters field, for the buryal of strangers.

8 Wherefore that field is called, the field of blood, vntil this day.

9 (Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Ieremias the Prophet, saying, And they toke thirtie siluer *pieces*, the price of him that was valued, whome *they* of the children of Israel valued.

10 And thei gaue them for the potters field, as the Lord appointed me.)

11 ¶ And Iesus stood before the gouernour, and the gouernour asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Iewes? Iesus said vnto him, Thou saist it.

12 And when he was accused of the chief Priests and Elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then said Pilate vnto him, Hearest thou not how many things they laye against thee?

14 But he answered him not to one worde, in so much that the gouernour marueiled greatly.

15 Now at the feast, the gouernour was wont to deliuer vnto the people a prisoner whome they wolde.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 When they were then gathered together, Pilate said vnto them, Whether will ye that I let loose vnto you Barabbas, or Iesus which is called Christ?

18 (For he knewe well, that for enuie they had deliuered him.

19 Also when he was set downe vpon the iudgement seat, his wife sent to him, saying, Haue thou nothing to do with that iuste man: for I haue suffered many things this day in a dreame by reason of him.)

20 But the chief Priests & the Elders had persuaded the people that thei shulde aske Barabbas, and shulde destroy Iesus.

21 Then the gouernour answered, and said vnto them, Whether of the twaine wil ye that I let loose vnto you? And they said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate said vnto them, What shal I do then with Iesus, which is called Christ? Thei all said to him, Let him be crucified.

23 Then said the gouernour, But what euil hathe he done? Then thei cryed the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate saw that he auailed nothing, but that more tumulte was made, he toke water and wasshed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this iust man: loke you to it.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on vs, and on our children.

26 Thus let he Barabbas loose vnto them, and scourged Iesus, and deliuered him to be crucified.

27 ¶ Then the souldiours of the gouernour tooke Iesus into the commune hall, and gathered about him the whole bande.

28 And thei stripped him, & put vpon him a skarlet robe,

29 And platted a crowne of thornes, and put it vpon his head, and a rede in his right hand, and bowed their knees before him, and mocked him, saying, God saue thee King of the Iewes,

30 And spitted vpon him, and toke a rede, and smote him on the head.

31 Thus when they had mocked him, they toke the robe from him, and put his owne raiment on him, and led him away to crucifie him.

32 And as they came out, they founde a man of Cyrene, named Simon: him they compelled to beare his crosse.

33 And when they came vnto the place called Golgotha, (that is to say, the place of *dead mens* skulles.)

34 Thei gaue him vineger to drinke, mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he wolde not drinke.

35 ¶ And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, and did cast lottes, that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the Prophet, They deuided my garments among them, and vpon my vesture did cast lottes.

36 And they sate, and watched him there.

37 ¶ Thei set vp also ouer his head his cause written, THIS IS IESVS THE KING OF THE IEWES.

38 ¶ And there were two thieues crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 And they that passed by, reuiled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the Temple, and buyldest it in thre dayes, saue thy self: if thou be thee Sonne of God, come downe from the crosse.

41 Likewise also the hie Priests mocking him, with the Scribes, and Elders, and Pharises, said,

42 He saued others, *but* he can not saue him self: if he be the King of Israel, let him now come downe from the crosse, and we will beleue him.

43 He trusted in God, let him deliuer him now, if he wil haue him: for he said, I am the Sonne of God.

44 That same also ye thieues which were crucified with him, cast in his teeth.

45 Now from the sixt houre was there darkenes ouer all the land, vnto the ninth houre.

46 And about ye ninth houre Iesus cryed with a loudr voyce, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 And some of them that stode there, when thei heard it, said, This man calleth Elias.

48 And straight way one of them ran, and toke a sponge, and filled it with vineger, and put it on a rede, and gaue him to drinke.

49 Other said, Let be: let vs se, if Elias wil come and saue him.

50 Then Iesus cryed againe with a loude voyce, and yelded vp the gost.

51 And beholde, the vaile of the Temple was rent in twayne, from the top to the bottome, and the earth did quake, & the stones were clouen.

52 And the graues did open them selues, & many bodies of the Sainctes which slept, arose,

53 And came out of the graues after his resurrection, and went into the holie Citie, and appeared vnto many.

54 When the Centurion, & they that were with him watching Iesus, sawe the earthquake, and the things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Sonne of God.

55 And many women were there, beholding him a farre off, which had folowed Iesus from Galile, ministring vnto him.

56 Among whom was Marie Magdalene, and Marie the mother of Iames & Ioses, and the mother of Zebedeus sonnes.

57 ¶ And when the euen was come, there came a riche man of Arimathea, named Ioseph, who had also him self bene Iesus disciple.

58 He went to Pilate, & asked the bodie of Iesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be deliuered.

59 So Ioseph toke the body, and wrapped it in a cleane linnen cloth,

60 And put it in his new tombe, which he had hewen out in a rocke, & rolled a great stone to the dore of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Marie Magdalene, and the other Marie sitting ouer against the sepulchre.

62 ¶ Now the next day that followed the Preparation *of the Sabbath*, the hie Priests and Pharises assembled to Pilate,

63 And said, Sir, we remember that that deceiuer said, while he was yet aliue, Within three dayes I will rise.

64 Commande therefore, that the sepulchre be made sure vntil the thirde day, lest his disciples come by night, & steale him away, and say vnto the people, He is risen from the dead: so shal the last error be worse then the first.

65 Then Pilate said vnto them, Ye haue a watche: go, and make it sure as ye knowe.

66 And they went, and made the sepulchre sure with the watche, and sealed the stone.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 147-50

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

PRaise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing vnto our God: for it is a pleasant thing, & praise is comelie.

2 The Lord doth buyld vp Ierusalem, & gather together the dispersed of Israel.

3 He healeth those that are broken in heart, and bindeth vp their sores.

4 He counteth the number of the starres, & calleth them all by their names.

5 Great *is* our Lord, and great *is his* power: his wisdom is infinite.

6 The Lord releueth the meke, & abaseth the wicked to the grounde.

7 Sing vnto the Lord with praise: sing vpon the harpe vnto our God,

8 Which couereth the heauen with cloudes, and prepareth raine for the earth, and maketh the grasse to growe vpon the mountaines:

9 Which giueth to beastes their fode, *and* to the yong rauens that crye.

10 He hathe not pleasure in the strength of an horse, nether deliteth he in the legges of man.

11 *But* the Lord deliteth in them that feare him, and attend vpon his mercie.

12 Praise the Lord, ô Ierusalem: praise thy God, ô Zion.

13 For he hathe made the barres of thy gates strong, *and* hathe blessed thy children within thee.

14 He setteth peace in thy borders, & satisfieth thee with the floure of wheat.

- 15 He sendeth forthe his commandement vpon earth, *and* his worde runneth verie swiftly.
- 16 He giueth snow like wool, & scattereth the hoare frost like asshes.
- 17 He casteth forthe his yce like morsels: who can abide the colde thereof?
- 18 He sendeth his worde and melteth them: he causeth his winde to blowe, & the waters flowe.
- 19 He sheweth his word vnto Iaakob, his statutes and his iudgements vnto Israel.
- 20 He hathe not dealt so with euerie nacion, nether haue they knowen his iudgements. Praise ye the Lord.

PSAL. CXLVIII.

¶ *Praise ye the Lord.*

PRaise ye the Lord from the heauen: praise ye him in the high places.

- 2 Praise ye him, all ye his Angels: praise him, all his armie.
- 3 Praise ye him, sunne and moone: prayse ye him all bright starres.
- 4 Praise ye him, heauens of heauens, & waters, that be aboute the heauens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 And he hathe established them for euer and euer: he hath made an ordinance, which shal not passe.
- 7 Praise ye the Lord from the earth, *ye* dragons and all depths:
- 8 Fyre and haile, snowe and vapors, stormie winde, which execute his worde:
- 9 Mountaines and all hilles, fruteful trees and all cedres:
- 10 Beastes and all cattel, creaping things and feathered foules:

- 11 Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all iudges of the worlde:
- 12 Yong men and maidens, also olde men and children:
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord: for his Name onely is to be exalted, *and* his praise aboute the earth and the heauens.
- 14 For he hath exalted the horne of his people, *which is* a praise for all his Sainctes, *euen* for the children of Israel, a people *that is* nere vnto him. Praise ye the Lord.

P S A L. C X L I X.

Praise ye the Lord.

Sing ye vnto the Lord a new song: let his praise *be heard* in the Congregation of Saints.

- 2 Let Israel reioyce in him that made him, and let the children of Zion reioyce in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name with the flute: let them sing praises vnto him with the timbrel and harpe.
- 4 For the Lorde hath pleasure in his people: he wil make the meke glorious by deliuerance.
- 5 Let the Saints be ioyful with glorie: let them sing loude vpon their beddes.
- 6 Let the high Actes of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sworde in their hands,
- 7 To execute vengeance vpon the heathen, & corrections among the people:
- 8 To binde their Kings in chaines, and their nobles with fetters of yron,
- 9 That they may execute vpon them the iudgement that is written: this honour shalbe to all his Saints. Praise ye the Lord.

P S A L. C L.

¶ *Praise ye the Lord.*

Praise ye God in his Sanctuarie: praise ye him in the firmament of his power.

- 2 Praise ye him in his mightie Actes: praise ye him according to his excellent greatnes.
- 3 Praise ye him in the sounde of the trumpet: praise ye him vpon the viole and the harpe.
- 4 Praise ye him with timbrel & flute: praise ye him with virginales and organs.
- 5 Praise ye him with sounding cymbals: praise ye him with high sounding cymbals.
- 6 Let euerie thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Evening Prayer – 1st Lesson: Exodus 8

C H A P. V I I I.

Afterwarde the Lord said vnto Moses, Go vnto Pharaoh, and tel him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people goe, that they may serue me:

- 2 And if thou wilt not let them go, beholde, I wil smite all thy countrey with frogges:
- 3 And the riuer shal scall full of frogges, which shal ge vp and come into thine house, and into thy chambre, where thou slepest, and vpon thy bed, & into the house of thy seruants, and vpon thy people, and into thine ouens, and into thy kneading troghes.
- 4 Yea, the frogges shal climbe vp vpon thee, and on thy people, and vpon all thy seruants.
- 5 ¶ Also the Lord said vnto Moses, Say thou vnto Aaron, Stretch thine hand with thy rod vpon the streames, vpon the riuers, and

vpon the poudes, and cause frogs to come vp vpon the land of Egypt.

6 Then Aaron stretched out his hand vpon the waters of Egypt, and the frogges came vp, and couered the land of Egypt.

7 And the sorcerers did likewise with their sorceries, and broght frogges vp vpon the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, & said, Pray ye vnto the Lord, that he may take away the frogges from me, and from my people, & I wil let the people go, that they may do sacrifice vnto the Lord.

9 And Moses said vnto Pharaoh, As concerning me, euen commande when I shall praye for thee, and for thy seruants, and for thy people, to destroye the frogges from thee and from thine houses, that they may remaine in the riuer onely.

10 Then he said, To morowe. And he answered, Be it as thou hast said, that thou maiest knowe, that there is none like vnto the Lord our God.

11 So the frogges shal depart from thee, & from thine houses, and from thy seruants, and from thy people: onely they shall remayne in the riuer.

12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cryed vnto the Lorde concerning the frogges, which he had sent vnto Pharaoh.

13 And the Lorde did according to the saying of Moses: so the frogges dyed in the houses, in the townes, & in the fields.

14 And they gathered the together by heapes, and the land stanke *of them*.

15 But when Pharaoh sawe that he had rest *giuen him*, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not vnto them, as the Lord had said.

16 ¶ Againe the Lord said vnto Moses, Say vnto Aaron, Stretche out thy rod, & smite the dust of the earth, that it may be *turned* to lyce throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so: for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth: and lyce came vpon man and vpon beast: all the dust of the earth was lyce throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 Now the enchanters assaied likewise with their enchantments to bring forth lyce, but they colde not. so the lyce were vpon man and vpon beast.

19 Then said the enchanters vnto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God. But Pharaohs heart remained obstinat, and he hearckened not vnto them, as the Lord had said.

20 ¶ Moreouer the Lorde said to Moses, Rise vp early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh (lo, he wil come forthe vnto the water) & say vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serue me.

21 Els, if thou wilt not let my people go, beholde, I wil send swarmes of flies bothe vpon thee, & vpon thy seruants, and vpon thy people, & into thine houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shalbe ful of swarmes of flies, and the grounde also whereon they are.

22 But ye land of Goshen, where my people are, wil I cause to be wonderful in that day, so that no swarmes of flies shalbe there, that thou maiest knowe that I am the Lord in the middes of the earth.

23 And I wil make a deliuerance of my people from thy people: to morowe shall this miracle be.

24 And the Lord did so: for there came great swarmes of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and *into* his seruants houses, so that through all the land of Egypt, the earth was corrupt by the swarmes of flies.

25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, & said, Go, do sacrifice vnto your God in this land.

26 But Moses answered, It is not mete to do so: for then we shulde offer vnto the Lord our God *that, which is* an abominacion vnto the Egyptians. Lo, can we sacrifice the abominacion of the Egyptians before their eies, and they not stone vs?

27 Let vs go thre daies iourney in the desert, & sacrifice vnto the Lord our God, as he hathe commanded vs.

28 And Pharaoh said, I wil let you go, that ye may sacrifice vnto the Lord your God in the wildernes: but go not farre away, pray for me.

29 And Moses said, Beholde, I wil go out from thee, and pray vnto the Lord, that the swarmes of flies may departe from Pharaoh, from his seruants, and from his people to morowe: but let Pharaoh from henceforthe deceiue no more, in not suffring the people to sacrifice vnto the Lord.

30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed vnto the Lord.

31 And the Lord did according to the saying of Moses, and the swarmes of flies departed from Pharaoh, from his seruants, and from his people, and there remained not one.

32 Yet Pharaoh hardened his heart euen then also, & did not let the people go.

Evening Prayer - 2nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11

C H A P. X I.

BE ye followers of me, euen as I am of Christ.

2 Now brethren, I commend you, that ye remembre all my things, & kepe the ordinances, as I deliuered them to you.

3 But I wil that ye knowe, that Christ is the head of euerie man: and the man is the womans head: and God is Christs head.

- 4 Euerie man praying or prophecying hauing *any thing* on *his* head, dishonoureth his head.
- 5 But euerie woman that prayeth or prophecieth bareheaded, dishonoreth her head: for it is euen one very thing, as thogh she were shauen.
- 6 Therefore if the woman be not couered, let her also be shorne: and if it be shame for a woman to be shorne or shauen, let her be couered.
- 7 For a man oght not to couer *his* head: forasmuche as he is the image and glorie of God: but the woman is the glorie of the man.
- 8 For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man.
- 9 For the man was not created for the womans sake: but the woman for the mans sake.
- 10 Therefore oght the woman to haue power on *her* head, because of the Angels.
- 11 Neuertheles, nether is the man without the woman, nether the woman without the man in the Lord.
- 12 For as the woman is of the man, so is the man also by the woman: but all things are of God.
- 13 Iudge in your selues, Is it comelie that a woman praye vnto God vncovered?
- 14 Doeth not nature it self teache you, that if a man haue long heere, it is a shame vnto him?
- 15 But if a woman haue long heere, it is a praise vnto her: for her heere is giuen her for a couering.
- 16 But if any man luste to be contentious, we haue no such custome, nether the Churches of God.
- 17 ¶ Nowe in this that I declare, I praise *you* not, that ye come together, not with profit, but with hurt.

18 For first of all, when ye come together in the Church, I heare that there are dissensions among you: and I beleue it *to be* true in some parte.

19 For there must be heresies euen among you, that they which are approued among you, might be knowen.

20 When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lords Supper.

21 For euerie man when they shulde eat, taketh his owne supper afore, and one is hungrie, and another is drunken.

22 Haue ye not houses to eat & to drinke in? dispise ye the Church of God, and shame them that haue not? what shal I say to you? shal I praise you in this? I praise you not.

23 For I haue receiued of the Lord that which I also haue deliuered vnto you, *to wit*, That the Lorde Iesus in the night when he was betrayed, toke bread:

24 And when he had giuen thanks, hee brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my bodie, which is broken for you: this do ye in remembrance of me.

25 After the same maner also *he toke* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the Newe testament in my blood: this do as oft as ye drinke it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye shall eat this bread, & drinke this cup, ye shewe the Lords death til he come.

27 Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drinke the cup of the Lord vnworthely, shalbe giltie of the bodie & blood of the Lord.

28 Let a man therefore examine him self, and so let him eat of this bread, & drinke of this cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh vnworthely, eateth and drinketh his owne damnation, *because* he discerneth not the Lords bodie.

30 For this cause many *are* weake, and sicke among you, and many slepe.

31 For if we wolde iudge our selues, we shulde not be iudged.

32 But when we are iudged, we are chastened of the Lord, because we shulde not be condemned with the worlde.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eate, tary one for another.

34 And if any man be hungrie, let him eat at home, that ye come not together vnto condemnation. Other things wil I set in order when I come.

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