

23 The sacrifice of praise shall glorify me: and there is the way by which I will shew him the salvation of God.

Chapter 50

Unto the end, a psalm of David,

2 When Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had sinned with Bethsabée. [2 Kings 12.]

3 Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy. And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

4 Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

5 For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

6 To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: that thou mayst be justified in thy words, and mayst overcome when thou art judged.

7 For behold I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me.

8 For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

9 Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

10 To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

11 Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

12 Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

13 Cast me not away from thy face; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

14 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

15 I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

16 Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

17 O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

18 For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

19 A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

20 Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

21 Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt offerings: then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

Chapter 51

Unto the end, understanding for David,

2 When Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul: David went to the house of Achimelech.

3 Why dost thou glory in malice, thou that art mighty in iniquity?

4 All the day long thy tongue hath devised injustice: as a sharp razor, thou hast wrought deceit.

5 Thou hast loved malice more than goodness: and iniquity rather than to speak righteousness.

6 Thou hast loved all the words of ruin, O deceitful tongue.

7 Therefore will God destroy thee for ever: he will pluck thee out, and remove thee from thy dwelling place: and thy root out of the land of the living.

8 The just shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, and say:

9 Behold the man that made not God his helper: But trusted in the abundance of his riches: and prevailed in his vanity.

10 But I, as a fruitful olive tree in the house of God, have hoped in the mercy of God for ever, yea for ever and ever.

11 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name, for it is good in the sight of thy saints.

Chapter 52

Unto the end, for Maeleth, understandings to David. The fool said in his heart: There is no God.

2 They are corrupted, and become abominable in iniquities: there is none that doth good.

3 God looked down from heaven on the children of men: to see if there were any that did understand, or did seek God.

4 All have gone aside, they are become unprofitable together, there is none that doth good, no not one.

5 Shall not all the workers of iniquity know, who eat up my people as they eat bread?

6 They have not called upon God: there have they trembled for fear, where there was no fear. For God hath scattered the bones of them that please men: they have been confounded, because God hath despised them.

7 Who will give out of Sion the salvation of Israel? when God shall bring back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Chapter 53

Unto the end, in verses, understanding for David.

2 When the en of Ziph had come and said to Saul: Is not David hidden with us? [1 Kings 23.19]

3 Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me in thy strength.

4 O God, hear my lprayer: give ear to the words of my mouth.

5 For strangers have risen up against me; and the mighty have sought after my soul: and they have not set God before their eyes.

6 For behold God is my helper: and the Lord is the protector of my soul.

7 Turn back the evils upon my enemies; and cut them off in thy truth.

8 I will freely sacrifice to thee, and will give praise, O God, to thy name: because it is good:

9 For thou hast delivered me out of all trouble: and my eye hath looked down upon my enemies.

Chapter 54

Unto the end, in verses, understanding for David.

2 Hear, O God, my prayer, and despise not lmy supplication:

3 Be attentive to me and hear me. I am grieved in my exercise; and am troubled,

4 At the voice of the enemy, and at the tribulation of the sinner. For they have cast iniquities upon me: and in wrath they were troublesome to me.

5 My heart is troubled within me: and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling are come upon me: and darkness hath covered me.

7 And I said: Who will give me wings like a dove, and I will fly and be at rest?

8 Lo, I have gone far off flying away; and I abode in the wilderness.

9 I waited for him that hath saved me from pusillanimity of spirit, and a storm.

10 Cast down, O Lord, and divide their tongues; for I have seen iniquity and contradiction in the city.

11 Day and night shall iniquity surround it upon its walls: and in the midst thereof are labour,

12 And injustice. And usury and deceit have not departed from its streets.

13 For if my enemy had reviled me, I would verily have borne with it. And if he that hated me had spoken great things against me, I would perhaps have hidden my self from him.

14 But thou a man of one mind, my guide, and my familiar,

15 Who didst take sweetmeats together with me: in the house of God we walked with consent.

16 Let death come upon them, and let them go down alive into hell. For there is wickedness in their dwellings: in the midst of them.

17 But I have cried to God: and the Lord will save me.

18 Evening and morning, and at noon I will speak and declare: and he shall hear my voice.

19 He shall redeem my soul in peace from them that draw near to me: for among many they were with me.

20 God shall hear, and the Eternal shall humble them. For there is no change with them, and they have not feared God:

21 He hath stretched forth his hand to repay. They have defiled his covenant,

22 They are divided by the wrath of his countenance, and his heart hath drawn near. His

words are smoother than oil, and the same are darts.

23 Cast thy care upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall not suffer the just to waver for ever.

24 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction. Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee, O Lord.

Chapter 55

Unto the end, for a people that is removed at a distance from the sanctuary: for David, for an inscription of a title (or pillar) when the Philistines held him in Geth.

2 Have mercy on me, O God, for man hath trodden me under foot; all the day long he hath afflicted me fighting against me.

3 My enemies have trodden on me all the day long; for they are many that make war against me.

4 From the height of the day I shall fear: but I will trust in thee.

5 In God I will praise my words, in God I have put my trust: I will not fear what flesh can do against me.

6 All the day long they detested my words: all their thoughts were against me unto evil.

7 They will dwell and hide themselves: they will watch my heel. As they have waited for my soul,

8 For nothing shalt thou save them: in thy anger thou shalt break the people in pieces. O God,

9 I have declared to thee my life: thou hast set me tears in thy sight, As also in thy promise.

10 Then shall my enemies be turned back. In what day soever I shall call upon thee, behold I