**PSALM 108**

Deus, laudem meam.

*David in the person of Christ, prayeth against his persecutors; more especially the traitor Judas: foretelling and approving his just punishment for his obstinacy in sin, and final impenitence.*

**1** Unto the end, a psalm for David.

**2** O God, be not thou silent in my praise: for the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful man is opened against me.

**3** They have spoken against me with deceitful tongues; and they have compassed me about with words of hatred; and have fought against me without cause.

**4** Instead of making me a return of love, they detracted me: but I gave myself to prayer.

**5** And they repaid me evil for good: and hatred for my love.

**6** Set thou the sinner over him: and may the devil stand at his right hand.

**7** When he is judged, may he go out condemned; and may his prayer be turned to sin.

**8** May his days be few: and his bishopric let another take.

**9** May his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

**10** Let his children be carried about vagabonds, and beg; and let them be cast out of their dwellings.

**11** May the usurer search all his substance: and let strangers plunder his labours.

**12** May there be none to help him: nor none to pity his fatherless offspring.

**13** May his posterity be cut off; in one generation may his name be blotted out.

**14** May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered in the sight of the Lord: and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

**15** May they be before the Lord continually, and let the memory of them perish from the earth:

**16** because he remembered not to shew mercy,

**17** But persecuted the poor man and the beggar; and the broken in heart, to put him to death.

**18** And he loved cursing, and it shall come unto him: and he would not have blessing, and it shall be far from him. And he put on cursing, like a garment: and it went in like water into his entrails, and like oil in his bones.

**19** May it be unto him like a garment which covereth him; and like a girdle with which he is girded continually.

**20** This is the work of them who detract me before the Lord; and who speak evils against my soul.

**21** But thou, O Lord, do with me for thy name’s sake: because thy mercy is sweet. Do thou deliver me,

**22** for I am poor and needy, and my heart is troubled within me.

**23** I am taken away like the shadow when it declineth: and I am shaken off as locusts.

**24** My knees are weakened through fasting: and my flesh is changed for oil.

**25** And I am become a reproach to them: they saw me and they shaked their heads.

**26** Help me, O Lord my God; save me according to thy mercy.

**27** And let them know that this is thy hand: and that thou, O Lord, hast done it.

**28** They will curse and thou wilt bless: let them that rise up against me be confounded: but thy servant shall rejoice.

**29** Let them that detract me be clothed with shame: and let them be covered with their confusion as with a double cloak.

**30** I will give great thanks to the Lord with my mouth: and in the midst of many I will praise him.

**31** Because he hath stood at the right hand of the poor, to save my soul from persecutors.