Sonnet 17: The glorious portraict

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Morning Prayer: Psalm 44-6

PSAL. XLIIII.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme to give instruction, committed to the sonnes of Korah.

E haue heard with our eares, ô God: our fathers haue tolde vs the workes, *that* thou hast done in their daies, in the olde time:

- 2 *How* thou hast driven out the heathen with thine hand, and planted them: *how* thou hast destroyed the people, and caused them to growe.
- 3 For they inherited not the land by their owne sworde, nether did their owne arme saue them: but thy right hand, & thine arme and the light of thy countenance, because thou didest fauour them.
- 4 Thou art my King, ô God: send helpe vnto Iaakob.
- 5 Through thee haue we thrust backe our aduersaries: by thy Name haue we troaden downe them that rose vp against vs.
- 6 For I do not trust in my bowe, nether can my sworde saue me.
- 7 But thou hast saued vs from our aduersaries, & hast put them to confusion that hate vs.
- 8 *Therefore* wil we praise God continually, & wil confesse thy Name for euer. Selah.
- 9 But now thou art farre of, and puttest vs to confusion, & goest not forthe with our armies.
- 10 Thou makest vs to turne backe fro the aduersarie, and thei, which hate vs, spoile for them selues.

- 11 Thou givest vs as shepe to be eaten, & doest scater vs among the nations.
- 12 Thou sellest thy people without gaine, and doest not increase their price.
- 13 Thou makest vs a reproche to our neighbours, a ieste and a laughing stocke to them that are round about vs.
- 14 Thou makest vs a prouerbe among the nations, & a nodding of the head among the people.
- 15 My confusion *is* daiely before me, and the shame of my face hathe couered me,
- 16 For the voyce of the sclanderer and rebuker, for the enemie and auenger.
- 17 All this is come vpon vs, yet do we not forget thee, nether deale wee falsely concerning thy couenant.
- 18 Our heart is not turned backe: nether our steppes gone out of thy paths,
- 19 Albeit thou hast smiten vs downe into the place of dragons, and couered vs with the shadowe of death.
- 20 If wee haue forgotten the Name of our God, & holden vp our hands to a strange god,
- 21 Shal not God searche this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Surely for thy sake are we slaine continually, & are counted as shepe for the slaughter.
- 23 Vp, why slepest thou, ô Lord? awake, be not farre of for euer.
- 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face? & forgettest our miserie and our affliction?
- 25 For our soule is beaten downe vnto the dust: our belly cleueth vnto the grounde.
- 26 Rise vp for our succour, and redeme vs for thy mercies sake.

PSAL. XLV.

¶ To him that excelleth on Shoshannim a song of loue to give instruction, committed to the sonnes of Korah.

Ine heart will vtter forthe a good matter: I wil intreat *in* my workes of the King: my tongue *is as* the penne of a swift writer.

- 2 Thou art fairer then the children of men: grace is powred in thy lippes, because God hathe blessed thee for euer.
- 3 Girde thy sworde vpon *thy* thigh, ô most mightie, *to wit*, thy worship *and* thy glorie,
- 4 And prosper with thy glorie: ride vpon the worde of trueth and of mekenes & of righteousnes: so thy right hand shall teache thee terrible things.
- 5 Thine arrowes *are* sharpe *to perce* the heart of the Kings enemies: *therefore* the people shal fall vnder thee.
- 6 Thy throne, ô God, is for euer and euer: the scepter of thy kingdome *is* a scepter of righteousnes.
- 7 Thou louest righteousnes, and hatest wickednes, because God, *euen* thy God hathe anointed thee with the oile of gladnes aboue thy felowes.
- 8 All thy garments *smell* of myrrhe and aloes, *and* cassia, *when thou comest* out of the yuorie palaces, where thei haue made thee glad.
- 9 Kings daugthers *were* among thine honorable *wiues*: vpon thy right hand did stand the Quene in a vesture of golde of Ophir.
- 10 Hearken, ô daughter, and consider, and incline thine eare: forget also thine owne people and thy fathers house.
- 11 So shal the King haue pleasure in thy beautie: for he is thy Lord, and reuerence thou him.
- 12 And the daughter of Tyrus *with* the riche of the people *shal* do homage before thy face with presents.

- 13 The Kings daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of broydered golde.
- 14 She shal be broght vnto the King in raiment of nedle worke: the virgins *that follow* after her, & her companions shal be broght vnto thee.
- 15 With ioye and gladnes shal thei be broght, *and* shal enter into the Kings palace.
- 16 In steade of thy fathers shal thy children be: thou shalt make them princes through all the earth.
- 17 I wil make thy Name to be remembred through all generations: therefore shall the people giue thankes vnto thee worlde without end.

PSAL. XLVI.

¶ To him that excelleth vpon Alamoth a song committed to the sonnes of Korah.

Od is our hope and strength, & helpe in troubles, readie to be founde

- 2 Therefore wil not we feare, thogh the earth be moued, and thogh the mountaines fall into the middes of the sea.
- 3 *Thogh* the waters thereof rage & be troubled, & the mountaines shake at the surges of the same. Selah,
- 4 *Yet there is* a Riuer, whose streames shal make glad the Citie of God: *euen* the Sanctuarie of the Tabernacles of the moste High.
- 5 God *is* in the middes of it: *therefore* shal it not be moued: God shal help it verie early.
- 6 *When* the nations raged, & the kingdomes were moued, *God* thundred, & the earth melted.
- 7 The Lord of hostes *is* with vs: the God of Iaakob *is* our refuge. Selah.

- 8 Come, & beholde the workes of the Lord, what desolations he hathe made in the earth.
- 9 He maketh warres to cease vnto the endes of the worlde: he breaketh the bowe and cutteth the speare, & burneth the chariots with fyre.
- 10 Be stil and knowe that I am God: I wil be exalted among the heathen, & I wil be exalted in the earth.
- 11 The Lord of hostes *is* with vs: the God of Iaakob is our refuge. Selah.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Exodus 23

CHAP. XXIII.

- Hou shalt not receive a false tale, nether shalt thou put thine hand with the wicked, to be a false witnes.
- 2 ¶ Thou shalt not followe a multitude to do euil, nether agree in a controuersie to decline after many & ouerthrowe *the trueth*.
- 3 ¶ Thou shalt not esteeme a poore man in his cause.
- 4 ¶ If thou mete thine enemies oxe, or his asse going a straye, thou shalt bring him to him againe.
- 5 If thou se thine enemies asse lying vnder his burden, wilt thou cease to helpe him? Thou shalt helpe him vp againe with it.
- 6 ¶ Thou shalt not ouerthrowe the right of thy poore in his sute.
- 7 Thou shalt kepe thee farre from a false matter, and shalt not slaye the innocent and the righteous: for I wil not iustifie a wicked man.
- 8 ¶ Thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, & peruerteth the wordes of the righteous.
- 9 ¶ Thou shalt not oppresse a stranger: for ye knowe the heart of a stranger, seing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

- 10 Moreouer, six yeres thou shalt sowe thy land, and gather the fruites thereof,
- 11 But the seuenth yere thou shalt let it rest and lye stil, that the poore of thy people may eat, and what thei leaue, the beastes of the fielde shal eate. In like maner thou shalt doe with thy vineyarde, & with thine oliue trees.
- 12 Sixe daies thou shalt do thy worke, and in the seuenth day thou shalt rest, that thine oxe, and thine asse may rest, & the sonne of thy maid and the stranger may be refreshed.
- 13 And ye shal take hede to all things that I have said vnto you: and ye shall make no mencion of the name of other gods, nether shal it be heard out of thy mouth.
- 14 ¶ Three times thou shalt kepe a feast vnto me in the yere.
- 15 Thou shalt kepe the feast of vnleauened bread: thou shalt eat vnleauened bread seuen daies, as I commanded thee, in the season of the moneth of Abib: for in it thou camest out of Egypt: & none shal appeare before me emptie:
- 16 The feast also of the haruest of the first frutes of thy labours, which thou hast sowen in the field: and the feast of gathering *frutes* in the ende of the yere, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.
- 17 *These* three times in the yere shal all thy men children appeare before the Lord Iehouah.
- 18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leauened bread: nether shall the fat of my sacrifice remaine vntil the morning.
- 19 The first of the first frutes of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God: *yet* shalt thou not seeth a kid in his mothers milke.
- 20 ¶ Beholde, I send an Angel before thee, to kepe thee in the way, and to bring thee to the place which I have prepared.

- 21 Beware of him, and heare his voyce, & puoke him not: for he wil not spare your misdedes, because my Name is in him.
- 22 But if thou hearken vnto his voyce, and do all that I speake, then I wil be an enemie vnto thine enemies, and wil afflict them that afflict thee.
- 23 For mine Angel shal go before thee, and bring thee vnto the Amorites, & the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, and I wil destroye them.
- 24 Thou shalt not bow downe to their gods, nether serue them, nor do after the workes of them: but vtterly ouerthrowe them, and breake in pieces their images.
- 25 For ye shall serue the Lord your God, & he shal blesse thy bread and thy water, & I wil take all sickenes away from the middes of thee.
- 26 ¶ There shal none cast their frute nor be barren in thy lande: the nombre of thy dayes wil I fulfil.
- 27 I will send my feare before thee, & wil destroy all the people among whome thou shalt go: and I wil make all thine enemies *turne* their backes vnto thee:
- 28 And I will send hornets before thee, which shal driue out the Hiuites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from thy face.
- 29 I wil not cast them out from thy face in one yere, lest the land growe to a wildernes: and the beastes of the field multiplie against thee.
- 30 By litle and litle I wil drive them out from thy face vntil thou encrease, and inherite the land.
- 31 And I will make thy coastes from the red Sea vnto the sea of the Philistims, and from the desert vnto the Riuer: for I wil deliuer the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and thou shalt driue them out from thy face.
- 32 Thou shalt make no couenant with them, nor with their gods:

33 Nether shal they dwel in thy land, lest they make thee sinne against me: for if thou serue their gods, surely it shal be thy destruction.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Mark 8

CHAP. VIII.

N those dayes, when there was a verie great multitude, and had nothing to eat, Iesus called his disciples to him, and said vnto them,

- 2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they have nowe continued with mee thre daies, and have nothing to eat.
- 3 And if I send them away fasting to their owne houses, they wolde faint by the way: for some of them came from farre.
- 4 Then his disciples answered him, How can a man satisfie these with bread here in the wildernes?
- 5 And he asked them, How manie loaues haue ye? And they said, Seuen.
- 6 Then he commanded the multitude to sit downe on the grounde: and he toke the seuen loaues, & gaue thankes, brake *them*, & gaue to his disciples to set before *them*, and they did set *them* before the people.
- 7 Thei had also a fewe smale fishes: & when he had given thankes, he commanded them also to be set before *them*.
- 8 So they did eate, and were suffised, and they toke vp of the broken meate that was left, seuen baskets ful.
- 9 (And thei that had eaten, were about foure thousand) so he sent them away.
- 10 ¶ And anon he entred into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parties of Dalmanutha.

- 11 And the Pharises came forthe, and beganne to dispute with him, seking of him a signe from heauen, and tempting him.
- 12 Then he sighed diepely in his spirit, & said, Why doeth this generacion seke a signe? Verely I say vnto you, a signe shal not be giuen vnto this generacion.
- 13 \P So he left them, & went into the ship againe, and departed to the other side.
- 14 ¶ And thei had forgotten to take bread, nether had thei in the ship with them, but one loafe.
- 15 And he charged them, saying, Take hede, and beware of the leauen of the Pharises, and of the leauen of Herode.
- 16 And they thoght among them selues, saying, *It is*, because we have no bread.
- 17 And when Iesus knewe it, he said vnto them, Why reason you *thus*, because ye haue no bread? perceiue ye not yet, nether vnderstand? haue ye your hearts yet hardened?
- 18 Haue ye eyes, and se not? and haue ye eares, and heare not? and do ye not remember?
- 19 When I brake the fiue loaues among fiue thousand, how manie baskets full of broken meate toke ye vp? They said vnto him, Twelue.
- 20 And when I *brake* seuen among foure thousand, how manie baskets of the leauings of broken meat toke ye vp? And thei said, Seuen.
- 21 Then he said vnto them, Howe is it that ye vnderstand not?
- 22 And he came to Bethsaida, & thei broght a blinde man vnto him, and desired him to touche him.
- 23 Then he toke the blinde by the hand, & led him out of the towne, and spit in his eyes, and put his hands vpon him, & asked him, if he sawe oght.

- 24 And he loked vp, and said, I se men: for I se them walking like trees.
- 25 After that, he put his hands againe vpon his eyes, & made him loke againe. And he was restored to his sight, & sawe euerie man a farre of clearely.
- 26 And he sent him home to his house, saying, Nether go into the towne, nor tell it to anie in the towne.
- 27 ¶ And Iesus went out, and his disciples into the townes of Cesarea Philippi. And by the waye he asked his disciples, saying vnto them, Whome do men say that I am?
- 28 And they answered, *Some say*, Iohn Baptist: and some, Elias: and some, one of the Prophetes.
- 29 And he said vnto them, But whome say ye that I am? Then Peter answered & said vnto him, Thou art the Christ.
- 30 And he sharpely charged them that concerning him they shulde tell no man.
- 31 Then he began to teache them that the Sonne of man must suffer manie things, and shulde be reproued of the Elders, & of the hie Priests & of the Scribes, and be slayne, & within thre dayes rise againe.
- 32 And he spake that thing plainely. Then Peter toke him aside, and began to rebuke him.
- 33 Then he turned backe, & loked on his disciples, and rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behinde me, Satan: for thou vnderstandest not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men.
- 34 ¶ And he called the people vnto him with his disciples, and said vnto them, Whosoeuer wil followe me, let him forsake him self, and take vp his crosse, and followe me.
- 35 For whosoeuer wil saue his life, shal lose it: but whosoeuer shal lose his life for my sake and the Gospels, he shal saue it.

- 36 For what shal it profite a man, thogh he shulde winne the whole world, if he lose his soule?
- 37 Or what shal a man giue for recompense of his soule?
- 38 For whosoeuer shalbe ashamed of me, & of my wordes among this adulterous and sinful generacion, of him shal the Sonne of man be ashamed also, when he cometh in the glorie of his Father with the holie Angels.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 47-49

PSAL. XLVII.

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

A Ll people clap your hands: sing loude vnto God with a ioyful voice.

- 2 For the Lord *is* high, & terrible: a great King ouer all the earth.
- 3 He hathe subdued the people vnder vs, and the nations vnder our fete.
- 4 Hee hathe chosen our inheritance for vs: *euen* the glorie of Iaakob whome he loued. Selah.
- 5 God is gone vp with triumph, *euen* the Lord, with the sounde of the trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises vnto our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God *is* the King of all the earth: sing praises *euerie one* that hathe vnderstanding.
- 8 God reigneth ouer the heathen: God sitteth vpon his holie throne.
- 9 The princes of the people are gathered vnto the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the worlde *belong* to God: he is greatly to be exalted.

PSAL. XLVIII.

¶ A song or Psalme committed to the sonnes of Korah.

Reat is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the Citie of our God, *euen* vpon his holie Mountaine.

- 2 Mount Zion, *lying* Northward, *is* faire in situation: *it is* the ioye of the whole earth, and the citie of the great King.
- 3 In the palaces thereof God is known for a refuge.
- 4 For lo, the Kings were gathered, & went together.
- 5 When thei sawe it, thei marueiled: thei were astonied, & suddenly driuen backe.
- 6 Feare came there vpon them, & sorowe, as vpon a woman in trauaile.
- 7 As with an East winde thou breakest the shippes of Tarshish, so were they destroyed.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we sene in the Citie of the Lord of hostes, in the Citie of our God: God will stablish it for euer. Selah.
- 9 We waite for thy louing kindenes, ô God, in the middes of thy Temple.
- 10 O God, according vnto thy Name, so is thy praise vnto the worldes end: thy right hand is ful of righteousnes.
- 11 Let mount Zion reioyce, & the daughters of Iudah be glad, because of thy iudgements.
- 12 Compasse about Zion, and go round about it, & tel the towres thereof.
- 13 Marke wel the wall thereof: beholde her towres, that ye maie tel your posteritie.
- 14 For this God *is* our God for euer and euer: he shal be our guide vnto the death.

¶ To him that excelleth. A psalme committed to the sons of Korah.

Eare this, all *ye* people: give eare, all ye that dwel in the worlde,

- 2 Aswel lowe as hie, bothe riche & poore.
- 3 My mouth shal speake of wisdome, and the meditacion of mine heart *is* of knowledge.
- 4 I will incline mine eare to a parable, *and* vtter my graue matter vpon the harpe.
- 5 Wherefore shulde I feare in the euil daies, *when* iniquitie shal compasse me about, *as at* mine heles?
- 6 They trust in their goods, & boast them selues in the multitude of their riches.
- 7 Yet a man can by no meanes redeme *his* brother: he can not giue his ransome to God,
- 8 (So precious is the redemption of their soules, and the continuance for euer)
- 9 That he may liue stil for euer, & not see the graue.
- 10 For he seeth that wisemen dye, & also that the ignorant and foolish perish, & leave their riches for others.
- 11 Yet they thinke, their houses, a&nd their habitacions shal continue for euer, euen from generacion to generacion, and call their lands by their names.
- 12 But man shal not continue in honour: he is like the beasts *that* dye.
- 13 This their waie *vttereth* their foolishnes: *yet* their posteritie delite in their talke. Selah.
- 14 Like shepe they lie in graue: death deuoureth them, & the righteous shal haue dominacion ouer them in the morning: for their beautie shal consume, *when they shal go* from their house to graue.
- 15 But God shall deliuer my soule from the power of the graue: for he wil receiue me. Selah.

- 16 Be not thou afraied when one is made rich, & when the glorie of his house is increased.
- 17 For he shal take nothing awaie when he dyeth, nether shal his pompe descende after him.
- 18 For while he liued, he reioyced him self: and men wil praise thee, when thou makest muche of thy self.
- 19 He shal enter into the generacion of his fathers, & they shal not liue for euer.
- 20 Man *is* in honour, and vnderstandeth not: he is like to beasts *that* perish.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Exodus 24

CHAP. XXIIII.

Ow he had said vnto Moses, Come vp to the Lorde, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, & Abihu, and seuenty of the Elders of Israel, and ye shal worship a far of.

- 2 And Moses him selfe alone shal come nere to the Lord, but they shal not come nere, nether shal the people goe vp with him.
- 3 ¶ Afterward Moses came and tolde the people all the wordes of the Lord and all the lawes: and all the people answered with one voyce, and said, All the things which the Lord hathe said, wil we do.
- 4 And Moses wrote all the wordes of the Lord, and rose vp early, and set vp an altar vnder the mountaine, and twelue pillers according to the twelue tribes of Israel.
- 5 And he sent yong men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offrings of beues, & sacrificed peace offrings vnto the Lord.
- 6 Then Moses toke halfe of the blood, and put it in basens, and halfe of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

- 7 After he toke the boke of the couenant, and read it in the audience of the people: who said, All that the Lord hathe said, we wil do, and be obedient.
- 8 Then Moses toke the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, & said, Beholde, the blood of the couenant, which the Lord hathe made with you concerning all these things.
- 9 ¶ Then went vp Moses & Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seuenty of the Elders of Israel.
- 10 And they sawe the God of Israel, and vnder his feete *was* as it were a worke of a Saphir stone, & as the verie heauen when it is cleare.
- 11 And vpon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they sawe God, and did eat and drinke.
- 12 ¶ And the Lord said vnto Moses, Come vp to me into the mountaine, & be there, and I wil giue thee tables of stone, and the Lawe & the commandement, which I have written, for to teache them.
- 13 Then Moses rose vp, & his minister Ioshua, & Moses went vp into the mountaine of God,
- 14 And said vnto the Elders, Tarie vs here, vntil we come againe vnto you: & beholde, Aaron, and Hur *are* with you: whosoeuer hathe anie matters, let him come to them.
- 15 Then Moses went vp to the mount, and the cloude couered the mountaine,
- 16 And the glorie of the Lorde abode vpon mount Sinai, & the cloude couered it six daies: and the seuenth day he called vnto Moses out of the middes of the cloude.
- 17 And the sight of the glorie of the Lord was like consuming fire on the top of the mountaine, in the eies of the children of Israel.

18 And Moses entred into the middes of the cloude, & went vp to the mountaine: & Moses was in the mount fourty dayes and fourty nightes.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4

CHAP. IIII.

Herefore, seing that we have this ministerie, as we have received mercy, we fainte not:

- 2 But have cast from vs the clokes of shame & walke not in craftines, nether handle we the worde of God disceitfully: but in declaration of the trueth we approve our selves to everie mans conscience in the sight of God.
- 3 If our Gospel be then hid, it is hid to them that are lost.
- 4 In whom the god of this world hathe blinded the mindes, *that is*, of the infideles, that the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, which is the image of God, shulde not shine vnto them.
- 5 For we preache not our selues, but Christ Iesus the Lord, and our selues your seruaunts for Iesus sake.
- 6 For God that commanded the light to shine out of darknes, *is he* which hathe shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glorie of God in the face of Iesus Christ.
- 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellencie of that power might be of God and not of vs.
- 8 We are afflicted on euerie side, yet *are we* not in distresse: in pouertie, but not ouercome of pouertie.
- 9 We are persecuted, but not forsaken: cast downe, but we perish not.
- 10 Euerie where we beare about in our bodie the dying of the Lord Iesus, that the life of Iesus might also be made manifest in our bodies.

- 11 For we which liue, are alwayes deliuered vnto death for Iesus sake, that the life also of Iesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.
- 12 So then death worketh in vs, and life in you.
- 13 And because we have the same Spirit of faith, according as it is written, I beleued, & therefore have I spoken, we also beleue, and therefore speake,
- 14 Knowing that he which hathe raised vp the Lord Iesus, shal raise vs vp also by Iesus, and shal set vs with you.
- 15 For all thinges are for your sakes, that that moste plenteous grace by the thankesgiuing of manie, may redounde to the praise of God.
- 16 Therefore we faint not, but thogh our outwarde man perish, yet the inwarde man is renewed daily.
- 17 For our light affliction which is but for a moment, causeth vnto vs a farre moste excellent & an eternall waight of glorie:
- 18 While we loke not on the thinges which are sene, but on the things, which are not sene: for the things which are sene, *are* temporal: but the things which are not sene, *are* eternal.

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