Sonnet 25: How long shall this

Saturday, February 16, 1594

Morning Prayer: Psa 86-8; Num 21; Mar 16 Evening Prayer: Psa 89; Num 22; 2Co 12

Morning Prayer: Psalms 86-88

PSAL. LXXXVI.

¶ A prayer of Dauid.

Ncline thine eare, ô Lord, *and* heare me: for I am poore and nedie.

- 2 Preserue thou my soule, for I am merciful: my God, saue thou thy seruant, that trusteth in thee.
- 3 Be merciful vnto me, ô Lord: for I crye vpon thee continually.
- 4 Reioyce the soule of thy seruant: for vnto thee, ô Lord, do I lift vp my soule.
- 5 For thou, Lord, art good and merciful, & of great kindenes vnto all them, that call vpon thee.
- 6 Giue eare, Lord, vnto my prayer, & hearken to the voyce of my supplication.
- 7 In the daye of my trouble I wil call vpon thee: for thou hearest me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like thee, ô Lord, and there is none *that can do* like thy workes.
- 9 All nations, whome thou hast made, shal come and worship before thee, ô Lord, and shal glorifie thy Name.
- 10 For thou art great and doest wonderous things: thou art God alone.
- 11 Teache me thy waie, ô Lord, *and* I wil walke in thy trueth: knit mine heart vnto thee, that I maie feare thy Name.

- 12 I wil prayse thee, ô Lord my God, with all mine heart: yea, I wil glorifie thy Name for euer.
- 13 For great is thy mercie towarde me, and thou hast deliuered my soule from the lowest graue.
- 14 O God, the proude are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men haue soght my soule, and haue not set thee before them.
- 15 But thou, ô Lord, art a pitiful God and merciful, slowe to angre and great in kindenes and trueth.
- 16 Turne vnto me, and haue mercie vpon me: giue thy strength vnto thy seruant, & saue the sonne of thine handmaid.
- 17 Shewe a token of *thy* goodnes towarde me, that they which hate me, maie se it, & be ashamed, because thou, ô Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

PSAL. LXXXVII.

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

Od laied his foundacions among the holie mountaines.

The Lord loueth the gates of Zion aboue all the habitacions of Iaakob.

- 3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, ô Citie of God. Selah.
- 4 I wil make mention of Rahab and Babel among them that knowe me: beholde Palestina & Tyrus with Ethiopia, There is he borne.
- 5 And of Zion it shalbe said, Manie are borne in her: and he, *euen* the most High shal stablish her.
- 6 The Lord shal count, when he writeth the people, He was borne there. Selah.
- 7 Aswel the singers as the plaiers on instruments *shal praise thee*: all my springs *are* in thee.

PSAL. LXXXVIII.

¶ A song or Psalme of Heman the Ezrahite to give instruction, committed to the sonnes of Korah for him that excelleth vpon Malath Leannoth.

Lord God of my saluacion, I crye day *and* night before thee.

2 Let my prayer enter into thy presence: incline thine eare vnto my crye.

- 3 For my soule is filled with euils, and my life draweth nere to the graue.
- 4 I am counted among them that go downe vnto the pit, *and* am as a man without strength:
- 5 Fre among the dead, like the slaine lying in the graue, whome thou remembrest no more, and they are cut off from thine hand.
- 6 Thou hast laied me in the lowest pit, in darkenes, & in the depe.
- 7 Thine indignation lieth vpon me, and thou hast vexed me with all thy waues. Selah.
- 8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance farre from me, & made me to be abhorred of them: I am shut vp, and can not get forthe.
- 9 Mine eye is sorowful through mine affliction: Lord, I call daiely vpon thee: I stretche out mine hands vnto thee.
- 10 Wilt thou shewe a miracle to the dead? or shal the dead rise & praise thee? Selah.
- 11 Shal thy louing kindenes be declared in the graue? *or* thy faithfulnes in destruction?
- 12 Shall thy wonderous workes be known in the darke? and thy righteousnes in the land of obliuion?
- 13 But vnto thee haue I cryed, ô Lord, and early shal my praier come before thee.
- 14 Lord, why doest thou reject my soule, & hidest thy face from me?

- 15 I am afflicted and at the point of death: from *my* youth I suffer thy terrours, doubting *of my life*.
- 16 Thine indignations go ouer me, & thy feare hathe cut me off.
- 17 They came round about me daiely like water, & compassed me together.
- 18 My louers and friends hast thou put away from me, *and* mine acquaintance hid them selues.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Numbers 21

CHAP. XXI.

Hen King Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt toward the South, heard tel that Israel came by the waie of the spies, then foght he against Israel, and toke of them prisoners.

- 2 So Israel vowed a vowe vnto the Lord, and said, If thou wilt deliuer *and* giue this people into mine hand, then I wil vtterly destroye their cities.
- 3 And the Lord heard the voyce of Israel, and deliuered *them* the Canaanites: & they vtterly destroyed them and their cities, & called the name of the place Hormah.
- 4 ¶ After, they departed from the mount Hor by the way of the red Sea, to compasse the land of Edom: and the people were sore grieued because of the way.
- 5 And the people spake against God and against Moses, *saying*, Wherefore haue ye broght vs out of Egypt, to dye in the wildernes? for *here* is neither bread nor water, and our soule lotheth this light bread.
- 6 Wherefore the Lord sent firy serpentes among the people, which stong the people: so that manie of the people of Israel dyed.
- 7 Therefore the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned: for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee: praye to the

- Lord, that he take away the serpents from vs: and Moses prayed for the people.
- 8 And the Lord said vnto Moses, Make thee a firy serpent, and set it vp for a signe, that as manie as are bitten, may loke vpon it, and line.
- 9 So Moses made a serpent of brasse, and set it vp for a signe: and when a serpent had bitten a man, then he loked to the serpent of brasse, and liued.
- 10 And ye children of Israel departed thence, and pitched in Oboth.
- 11 ¶ And they departed from Oboth, ans pitched in Iie-abarim, in the wildernes, which is before Moab on the Eastside.
- 12 ¶ They removed thence, and pitched vpon the river of Zared.
- 13 ¶ Thence they departed, & pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wildernes, and commeth out of the costes of the Amorites: (for Arnon *is* the border of Moab, betwene the Moabites and the Amorites)
- 14 Wherefore it shalbe spoken in the boke of the battels of the Lord, what thing he did in the red Sea, and in the riuers of Arnon,
- 15 And *at* the streame of the rivers that goeth downe to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth vpon the border of Moab.
- 16 ¶ And from thence *they turned* to Beer: the same is the well where the Lord said vnto Moses, Assemble the people, and I wil giue them water.
- 17 ¶ Then Israel sang this song, Rise vp well, sing ye vnto it.
- 18 The princes digged this well, the captaines of the people digged it, euen the lawegiuer, with their staues. And from the wildernes *they came* to Mattanah,
- 19 ¶ And from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

- 20 ¶ And from Bamoth in the valley, that is in the plaine of Moab, to the top of Pisgah that loketh toward Ieshimon.
- 21 ¶ Then Israel sent messengers vnto Sihon, King of the Amorites, saying,
- 22 Let me go through thy land: we wil not turne aside into the fields, nor into the vineyardes, nether drinke of the waters of the welles: we wil go by the kings way, vntill we be past thy countrei.
- 23 But Sihon gaue Israel no licence to passe through his countrey, but Sihon assembled all his people, and went out against Israel into the wildernes: and he came to Iahoz, and foght against Israel.
- 24 But Israel smote him with the edge of the sworde, and conquered his land, from Arnon vnto Iabok, *euen* vnto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon *was* strong.
- 25 And Israel toke all these cities, & dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites in Heshbon and in all the villages thereof.
- 26 For Heshbon was the citie of Sihon the king of the Amorites, which had foght before time against the King of the Moabites, and had taken all his land out of his hand, *euen* vnto Arnon.
- 27 Wherefore they that speake in prouerbes, say, Come to Heshbon, let the citie of Sihon bee buylt and repaired:
- 28 For a fire is gone out of Heshbon, *and* a flame from the citie of Sihon, and hathe consumed Ar of the Moabites, *and* the lords of Bamoth in Arnon.
- 29 Wo be to thee, Moab: O people of Chemosh, thou art vndone: he hathe suffred his sonnes to be pursued, and his daughters *to be* in captilitie to Sihon the King of the Amorites.
- 30 Their empire also is lost from Heshbon vnto Dibon, and we have destroyed them vnto Nophah, which *reacheth* vnto Medeba.
- 31 Thus Israel dwelt in the lande of the Amorites.

- 32 And Moses sent to searche out Iaazer, and they toke the townes belonging thereto, and roted out the Amorites that were there.
- 33 And they turned and went vp toward Bashan: & Og the King of Bashan came out against them, he, and all his people, to fight at Edrei.
- 34 Then the Lord said vnto Moses, Feare him not: for I haue deliuered him into thine hand & all his people, and his land: and thou shalt do to him as thou didest vnto Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.
- 35 They smote him therefore, and his sonnes, and all his people, vntil there was none left him: so they conquered his land.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Mark 16

CHAP. XVI.

And when the Sabbath daye was past, Marie Magdalene, & Marie the *mother* of Iames, & Salome, boght swete ointments, that they might come, and embaulme him.

- 2 Therefore early in the morning, the first daye of the weeke, they came vnto the sepulchre, when the sunne was yet rising,
- 3 And they said one to another, Who shal roll vs away the stone from the doore of the sepulchre?
- 4 And when they loked, they sawe that the stone was rolled away (for it was a very great one.)
- 5 So they went into the sepulchre, and sawe a yong man sitting at the right side, clothed in a long white robe: and they were afrayed.
- 6 But he said vnto them, Be not so afrayed: ye seke Iesus of Nazaret, which hath bene crucified: he is risen, he is not here: beholde the place, where they put him.

- 7 But go your way, and tel his disciples, & Peter, that he wil go before you into Galile: there shal ye see him, as he said vnto you.
- 8 And they went out quickely, and fled from the sepulchre: for they trembled, and were amased: nether said they any thing to any man: for they were afrayed.
- 9 ¶ And when Iesus was risen againe, in the morow (which was the first day of the weke) he appeared first to Marie Magdalene, out of whome he had cast seuen deuils:
- 10 And she went and tolde them that had bene with him, which mourned and wept.
- 11 And when they heard that he was aliue, & had appeared to her, they beleued it not.
- 12 ¶ After that, he appeared vnto two of them in another forme, as thei walked and went into the countrey.
- 13 And they went and tolde it to the remnant, but they beleued them not.
- 14 Finally, he appeared vnto the eleuen as they sate together, and reproued them of their vnbelief & hardnes of heart, because they beleued not them which had sene him, being risen vp againe.
- 15 And he said vnto them, Go ye into all the worlde, & preach the Gospel to euerie creature.
- 16 He that shal beleue & be baptized, shalbe saued: but he that wil not beleue, shalbe damned.
- 17 And these tokens shal followe them that beleue, In my Name thei shal cast out deuils, and shal speake with newe tongues,
- 18 And shal take away serpents, and if they shal drinke any deadlie thing, it shal not hurt them: they shal lay their hands on the sicke, and they shal recouer.
- 19 So after the Lord had spoken vnto them, he was received into heaven, & sate at the right hand of God.

20 And they went forthe, and preached euerie where. And the Lorde wroght with them, & confirmed the worde with signes that followed, Amen.

Evening Prayer: Psalm 89

PSAL. LXXXIX.

- ¶ A Psalme to give instruction, of Ethan the Ezrahite.
- Wil sing the mercies of the Lord for euer: with my mouth wil I declare thy trueth from generacion to generacion.
- 2 For I said, Mercie shalbe set vp for euer: thy trueth shalt thou stablish in the very heauens.
- 3 I haue made a couenant with my chosen: I haue sworne to Dauid my seruant,
- 4 Thy sede will I stablish for euer, and set vp thy throne from generacion to generacion. Selah.
- 5 O Lord, euen the heauens shal praise thy wonderous worke: yea, thy trueth in the Congregacion of the Saints.
- 6 For who is equal to the Lord in the heauen! & who is like the Lord among the sonnes of the gods!
- 7 God is verie terrible in the assemblie of the Saints, and to be reuerenced aboue all, *that are* about him.
- 8 O Lord God of hostes, who is like vnto thee, *which* art a mightie Lord, and thy trueth *is* about thee!
- 9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.
- 10 Thou hast beaten downe Rahab as a man slaine: thou hast scatered thine enemies with thy mightie arme.
- 11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou hast laied the fundacion of the worlde, and all that therein is.

- 12 Thou hast created the North and the South: Tabor and Hermon shal reioice in thy Name.
- 13 Thou hast a mightie arme: strong is thine hand, & high is thy right hand.
- 14 Righteousnes & equitie *are* the stablishment of thy throne: mercie ad trueth goe before thy face.
- 15 Blessed *is* the people, that can reioyce *in thee*: they shal walke in the light of thy countenance, ô Lord.
- 16 They shall reioyce continually in thy Name, and in thy righteousnes shall they exalt them selues.
- 17 For thou art the glorie of their strength, and by thy fauour our hornes shalbe exalted.
- 18 For our shield *apperteineth* to the Lord, and our King to the Holie one of Israel.
- 19 Thou spakest then in a vision vnto thine Holie one, and saidest, I haue laied helpe vpon one that is mightie: I haue exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have founde Dauid my servant: with mine holie oyle have I anointed him.
- 21 Therefore mine hande shalbe established with him, and mine arme shall strengthen him.
- 22 The enemie shal not oppresse him, nether shal the wicked hurt him.
- 23 But I wil destroye his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.
- 24 My trueth also and my mercie *shalbe* with him, and in my Name shal his horne be exalted.
- 25 I wil set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the floods.
- 26 He shal cry vnto me, Thou art my Father, my God and the rocke of my saluacion.

- 27 Also I wil make him my first borne, higher then the Kings of the earth.
- 28 My mercie will I kepe for him for euermore, and my couenant shall stand fast with him.
- 29 His sede also will I make to endure for euer, and his throne as the dayes of heauen.
- 30 *But* if his children forsake my Lawe, and walke not in my iudgements:
- 31 If they breake my statutes, and kepe not my commandements:
- 32 Then wil I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquitie with strokes.
- 33 Yet my louing kindnes wil I not take from him, neither wil I falsifie my trueth.
- 34 My couenant wil I not breake, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lippes.
- 35 I haue sworne once by mine holines, that I wil not fayle Dauid, *saying*,
- 36 His sede shal endure for euer, and his throne *shalbe* as the sunne before me.
- 37 He shalbe established for euermore as the moone, & as a faithful witnes in the heauen. Selah.
- 38 But thou hast rejected and abhorred, thou hast bene angrie with thine Anointed.
- 39 Thou hast broken the couenant of thy seruant, & profaned his crowne, *casting it* on the ground.
- 40 Thou hast broken downe all his walles: thou hast layed his fortresses in ruine.
- 41 All that go by the way, spoile him: he is a rebuke vnto his neighbours.
- 42 Thou hast set vp the right hand of his enemies, *and* made all his aduersaries to reioyce.

- 43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sworde, and hast not made him to stand in the battel.
- 44 Thou hast caused his dignitie to decay, and cast his throne to the grounde.
- 45 The dayes of his youth hast thou shortened, *and* couered him with shame. Selah.
- 46 Lord, how long wilt thou hide thy self, for euer? shal thy wrath burne like fyre?
- 47 Remember of what time I am: wherefore shuldest thou creat in vaine all the children of men?
- 48 What man liueth, & shal not se death? shal he deliuer his soule from the hand of the graue? Selah.
- 49 Lord, where are thy former mercies, *which* thou swarest vnto Dauid in thy trueth?
- 50 Remember, ô Lord, the rebuke of thy seruants, which I beare in my bosome of all the mightie people.
- 51 For thine enemies have reproched *thee*, ô Lord, because they have reproched the fotesteppes of thine Anointed.
- 52 Praised be the Lord for euermore. So be it, euen so be it.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Numbers 22

CHAP. XXII.

Fter, the children of Israel departed & pitched in the plaine of Moab on the other side of Iorden from Iericho.

- 2 ¶ Now Balak the sonne of Zippor sawe all that Israel had done to the Amorites.
- 3 And the Moabites were sore afraide of the people, because they were many, and Moab freated against the children of Israel.
- 4 Therfore Moab said vnto the Elders of Midian, Now shal this multitude licke vp all that are rounde about vs, as an oxe licketh vp

the grasse of the fielde: and Balak the sonne of Zippor was King of the Moabites at that time.

- 5 He sent messengers therefore vnto Balaam the sonne of Beor to Pethor (which is by the riuer of the land of the children of his folke) to call him, saying, Beholde, there is a people come out of Egypt, which couer the face of the earth, and lie ouer against me.
- 6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, *and* curse me this people (for they are stronger then I) so it may be that I shal be able to smite them, and to driue them out of the land: for I knowe that he, whome thou blessest, is blessed, and he whome thou cursest, shalbe cursed.
- 7 And the Elders of Moab, and the Elders of Midian departed, having *the reward* of the soothsaying in their hand, and thei came vnto Balaam, & tolde him the wordes of Balak.
- 8 Who answered them, Tary here this night, and I wil giue you an answer, as the Lord shall say vnto me So the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.
- 9 Then God came vnto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee?
- 10 And Baalam said vnto God, Balak the sonne of Zippor, King of Moab hathe sent vnto me, *saying*,
- 11 Beholde, *there is* a people come out of Egypt and couereth the face of the earth: come nowe, curse them for my sake: so it may be that I shal be able to ouercome them in battel, and to driue them out.
- 12 And God said vnto Balaam, Go not thou with them, neither curse the people, for they are blessed.
- 13 And Balaam rose vp in the morning, and said vnto the princes of Balak, Returne vnto your land: for the Lord hath refused to giue me leaue to go with you.

- 14 So the princes of Moab rose vp, and went vnto Balak, and said, Balaam hathe refused to come with vs.
- 15 ¶ Balak yet sent againe mo princes, and more honorable then they.
- 16 Who came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saieth Balak the sonne of Zippor, Be not thou stayed, I pray thee, from comming vnto me.
- 17 For I wil promote thee vnto great honour, and wil do whatsoeuer thou sayest vnto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.
- 18 And Balaam answered, and sayd vnto the seruantes of Balak, If Balak wolde giue me his house ful of siluer and golde, I can not go beyonde the worde of the Lord my God, to do lesse or more.
- 29 But nowe, I pray you, tary here this night, that I may wit, what the Lord wil say vnto me more.
- 20 And God came vnto Balaam by night, and said vnto him, If the men come to call thee, rise vp, *and* go with them: but onely what thing I say vnto thee, that shalt thou do.
- 21 So Balaam rose vp early, and sadled his asse, and went with the princes of Moab.
- 22 And the wrath of God was kindled, because he went: & the Angel of the Lord stode in the way to be against him, as he rode vpon his asse, and his two seruantes *were* with him.
- 23 And when the asse saw the Angel of the Lord stand in the way, and his sworde drawen in his hand, the asse turned out of the waie and went into the field, but Balaam smote the asse, to turne her into the way.
- 24 Againe the Angel of the Lord stode in a path of the vineyardes, *hauing* a wall on the one side, and a wall on the other.

- 25 And when the asse sawe the Angel of the Lord, she thrust her selfe vnto the wall, and dasht Balaams fote against the wall: wherefore he smote her againe.
- 26 Then the Angel of the Lord went further, and stode in a narowe place, where was no way to turne, *ether* to the right hand, or to the left.
- 27 And when the asse sawe the Angel of the Lord, she lay downe vnder Balaam: therefore Balaam was very wrath, and smote the asse with a staffe.
- 28 Then the Lord opened the mouth of the asse, and she said vnto Balaam, What haue I done vnto thee, that thou hast smitten me nowe thre times?
- 29 And Balaam said vnto the asse, Because thou hast mocked me: I wolde there were a sworde in mine hand, for now wolde I kil thee.
- 30 And the asse said vnto Balaam, Am not I thine asse, which thou hast ridden vpon since thy first time vnto this day? haue I vsed at anie time to do thus vnto thee? Who said, Nay.
- 31 And the Lord opened the eies of Balaam, and he sawe the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with his sworde drawen in his hand: then he bowed him selfe, and fel flat on his face.
- 32 And the Angel of the Lord said vnto him, Wherefore hast thou now smitten thine asse three times? beholde, I came out to withstand thee, because *thy* way is not straight before me.
- 33 But the asse sawe me, and turned fro me now thre times: for els, if she had not turned fro me, surely I had euen now slaine thee, and saued her aliue.
- 34 Then Balaam said vnto the Angel of the Lord, I have sinned: for I wist not that thou stodest in the way against me: now therefore if it displease thee, I wil turne home againe.

- 35 But the Angel said vnto Balaam, Go with the men: but what I say vnto thee, that shalt thou speake. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.
- 36 And when Balak heard that Balaam came, he went out to mete him vnto a citie of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, euen in the vtmost coste.
- 37 Then Balak said vnto Balaam, Did I not send for thee to call thee? Wherefore camest thou not vnto me? am I not able in dede to promote thee vnto honour.
- 38 And Balaam made answere vnto Balak, Lo, I am come vnto thee, & can I now say anie thing at all? the worde that God putteth in my mouth, that shal I speake.
- 39 So Balaam went with Balak, and thei came vnto the citie of Huzoth.
- 40 Then Balak offred bullockes, and shepe, and sent *thereof* to Balaam, & to the princes that were with him.
- 41 And on the morow Balak toke Balaam, and broght him vp into the hie places of Baal, that thence he might se the vtmost parte of the people.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12

CHAP. XII.

- T is not expedient for me no dout to reioyce: for I wil come to visions and reuelations of the Lord.
- 2 I knowe a man in Christ aboue fourtene yeres agone, (whether *he were* in the bodie, I can not tell, or out of the bodie, I can not tel: God knoweth) which was taken vp into the thirde heauen. And I knowe suche a man (whether in the bodie, or out of the bodie, I can not tel: God knoweth.)

- 4 How that he was taken vp into Paradise, & heard words which can not be spoken, which are not possible for man to vtter.
- 5 Of suche a man will I reioyce: of my self will I not reioyce, except it be of mine infirmities.
- 6 For though I wolde reioyce, I shulde not be a foole, for I wil say the trueth: but I refraine, lest anie man shulde thinke of me aboue that hee seeth in me, or that he heareth of me.
- 7 And lest I shulde be exalted out of measure through the abundance of reuelations, there was given vnto me a pricke in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, because I shulde not be exalted out of measure.
- 8 For this thing I besoght the Lord thrise, that it might departe from me.
- 9 And he said vnto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfite through weakenes. Verie gladly therefore wil I reioyce rather in mine infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwel in me.
- 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproches, in necessities, in persecutions, in anguish for Christs sake: for when I am weake, then am I strong.
- 11 I was a foole to boast my self: ye haue compelled me: for I oght to haue bene commended of you: for in nothing was I inferior vnto the verie chief Apostles, thogh I be nothing.
- 12 The signes of an Apostle were wroght among you with all patience, with signes, and wonders, and great workes.
- 13 For what is it, wherein ye were inferiors vnto other Churches, except that I haue not bene slothful to your hinderance? forgiue me this wrong.
- 14 Beholde, the thirde time I am readie to come vnto you, and yet wil I not be slothful to your hinderance: for I seke not yours, but

you: for the children oght not to laye vp for the fathers, but the fathers for the children.

- 15 And I wil most gladly bestowe, and wil be bestowed for your soules: thogh the more I loue you, the lesse I am loued.
- 16 But be it that I charged you not: yet forasmuche as I was craftie, I toke you with guile.
- 17 Did I pill you by anie of them whome I sent vnto you?
- 18 I have desired Titus, & with him I have sent a brother: did Titus pil you of any thing? walked we not in the self same spirit? walked we not in the same steppes?
- 19 Againe, thinke ye that we excuse our selues vnto you? we speake before God in Christ. But *we do* all things, dearely beloued, for your edifying.
- 20 For I feare lost when I come, I shal not finde you suche as I wolde: and that I shalbe founde vnto you suche as ye wolde not, and lest *there be* strife, enuying, wrath, contentions, backebitings, whisperings, swellings & discord.
- 21 I feare lest when I come againe, my God abase me among you, and I shal bewaile manie of them which haue sinned already, and haue not repented of the vnclennes, and fornication, and wantonnes which they haue committed.

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