

PSALM 34***Judica, Domine, nocentes me.***

*(David, in the person of Christ, prayeth against his persecutors;
prophetically foreshewing the punishments that shall fall upon them.)*

1. *For David himself. Judge thou, O Lord, them that wrong me: overthrow them that fight against me.*
2. *Take hold of arms and shield: and rise up to help me.*
3. *Bring out the sword, and shut up the way against them that persecute me: say to my soul: I am thy salvation.*
4. *Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and be confounded that devise evil against me.*
5. *Let them become as dust before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord straiten them.*
6. *Let their way become dark and slippery; and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.*
7. *For without cause they have hidden their net for me unto destruction: without cause they have upbraided my soul.*
8. *Let the snare which he knoweth not come upon him: and let the net which he hath hidden catch him: and into that very snare let them fall.*
9. *But my soul shall rejoice in the Lord; and shall be delighted in his salvation.*
10. *All my bones shall say: Lord, who is like to thee? Who deliverest the poor from the hand of them that are stronger than he; the needy and the poor from them that strip him.*
11. *Unjust witnesses rising up have asked me things I knew not.*
12. *They repaid me evil for good: to the depriving me of my soul.*
13. *But as for me, when they were troublesome to me, I was clothed with haircloth. I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer shall be turned into my bosom.*
14. *As a neighbour and as an own brother, so did I please: as one mourning and sorrowful so was I humbled.*
15. *But they rejoiced against me, and came together: scourges were gathered together upon me, and I knew not.*
16. *They were separated, and repented not: they tempted me, they scoffed at me with scorn: they gnashed upon me with their teeth.*
17. *Lord, when wilt thou look upon me? Rescue thou my soul from their malice: my only one from the lions.*
18. *I will give thanks to thee in a great church; I will praise thee in a strong people.*
19. *Let not them that are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: who have hated me without cause, and wink with the eyes.*
20. *For they spoke indeed peaceably to me; and speaking in the anger of the earth they devised guile.*
21. *And they opened their mouth wide against me; they said: Well done, well done, our eyes have seen it.*
22. *Thou hast seen, O Lord, be not thou silent: O Lord, depart not from me.*
23. *Arise, and be attentive to my judgment: to my cause, my God, and my Lord.*
24. *Judge me, O Lord my God according to thy justice, and let them not rejoice over me.*
25. *Let them not say in their hearts: It is well, it is well, to our mind: neither let them say: We have swallowed him up.*
26. *Let them blush: and be ashamed together, who rejoice at my evils. Let them be clothed with confusion and shame, who speak great things against me.*
27. *Let them rejoice and be glad, who are well pleased with my justice, and let them say always: The Lord be magnified, who delights in the peace of his servant.*
28. *And my tongue shall meditate thy justice, thy praise all the day long.*