

THE DOCTRINE OF THE PSALMS IN THE MAGNIFICAT

FOR THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION

In Judea God is known: his name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75.)

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King. (Ps. 149.)

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Who shall declare the powers of the Lord? Who shall set forth all his praises? (Ps. 105.)

Come and hear all ye that fear God and I will tell you what great things he hath done for my soul. I cried to him with my mouth and I extolled him with my tongue. (Ps. 65.)

Thou art my God and I will praise thee, thou art my God and I will exalt thee. (Ps. 117.)

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people and I will sing to thee among the nations. (Ps. 107.)

Rejoice, be glad in the Lord, O ye just, praise becometh thee upright. (Ps. 32.)

I will extol thee, O God my King. (Ps. 144.)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord God, thou art exceeding great. (Ps. 103.)

Oh magnify the Lord with me; his praise shall be always in my mouth. (Ps. 33.)

Thus will I bless thee all my life long. (Ps. 62.)

Because he hath regarded the humility of his Handmaid.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy, for thou hast regarded my humility. (Ps. 30.)

He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble. (Ps. 101.)

Behold the eyes of the Lord are upon them that hope in his mercy. (Ps. 32.)

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me Blessed.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin and in whose spirit there is no guile. (Ps. 31.)

Blessed are the undefiled in the way; Blessed are they that search his testimonies; that seek him with their whole heart. (Ps. 118.)

His seed shall be mighty upon the earth; the generation of the righteous shall be blessed. (Ps. 111.)

Blessed is he whom thou hast chosen and taken to thee: he shall dwell in thy courts. (Ps. 64.)

For he that is mighty hath done great things to me and holy is his Name.

Sing to the Lord a new canticle, because he hath done wonderful things. (Ps. 97.)

The Lord hath done great things for us, we are become joyful. (Ps. 125.)

They shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts and shall declare thy wondrous works. (Ps. 144.)

Holy and terrible is his name. (Ps. 110.)

For his name alone is exalted; the praise of him is above heaven and earth, and he hath exalted the horn of his people. (Ps. 148.)

I will relate thy wonders, I will sing to thy name, O thou most High. (Ps. 9.)

And his mercy is from generation to generation to them that fear him.

The mercy of the Lord endureth for ever and his truth unto generation and generation. (Ps. 99.)

But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity and unto eternity upon them that fear him. (Ps. 102.)

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth towards the house of Israel. (Ps. 97.)

He hath showed strength in his arm—

The right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength: the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me. (Ps. 117.)

With thy arm thou hast redeemed thy people, the children of Jacob and of Joseph. (Ps. 76.)

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. (Ps. 97.)

He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble.

The Lord lifteth up the meek; and bringeth the wicked down even to the ground. (Ps. 146.)

For the Lord is most exalted; he looks towards the lowly, and the proud he knoweth them from afar off. (Ps. 137.)

For thou wilt save the humble people, but will bring down the eyes of the proud. (Ps. 17.)

He shall exalt this one, he shall humble that one. (Ps. 74.)

Thou hast humbled the proud one, with the arm of thy strength thou hast scattered thine enemies. (Ps. 88.)

He will exalt the meek unto salvation. (Ps. 149.)

He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.

For he hath satisfied the empty soul; and hath filled the hungry soul with good things. (Ps. 106.)

The rich have wanted and have suffered hunger; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good. (Ps. 33.)

The poor shall eat and be filled; and they shall praise the Lord that seek him. (Ps. 21.)

He hath received Israel his servant being mindful of his mercy—

He hath chosen for us his inheritance, the beauty of Jacob which he hath loved. (Ps. 46.)

He chose the tribe of Juda, Mount Sion which he loved. (Ps. 113.)

Juda was made his sanctuary, Israel his dominion. (Ps. 113.)

For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself: Israel for his own possession. (Ps. 134.)

As he spoke to our father Abraham and to his seed for ever—

He hath remembered his covenant for ever: the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which he made to Abraham and his oath to Isaac. (Ps. 104.)

He remembered his holy word, which he had spoken to his servant Abraham. And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness. . . . Until the time that HIS WORD CAME. (Ps. 104.)

AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH—

The Lord hath sworn truth to David, and he will not make it void: OF THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB I WILL SET UPON THY THRONE. (Ps. 131.)

Let these things be written unto another generation; and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord. (Ps. 101.)

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; the people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance. (Ps. 32.)

How good is God to Israel; to them that are of a right heart. (Ps. 72.)



CORRESPONDENCE

'THE FOOT OF THE LADDER'

To the Editor,

LIFE OF THE SPIRIT.

Sir,—May I be permitted a few words of clarification for your correspondent, Augustine, over the important points he has raised.

First, I must repeat, the article *The Foot of the Ladder* was not a series of pious recommendations but a record of fact and