

The wicked with his works vniust

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621, Psalme 36)

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590-1630)

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2. Yet doth he joy in his estate,
to walk as he began:
So longtill he deserve the hate
of God, and eke of man.

3. His works are wicked, vile and nought,
his tongue no truth doth tell:
Yet at no hand will he be taught,
which way he may do well.

4. when he shold sleep then doth he muse
his mischiefs to fulfill:
No wicked ways doth he refuse,
nor nothing that is ill.

5. But Lord thy goodness doth ascend,
above the heavens high:
So soth thy truth itself extend,
unto the cloudy sky.

6. Much more then hills so high and steep,
thy justice is expressed:
Thy judgements like to seas most deep,
thou savest both man and beast.

7. Thy mercy is above all things,
O God it doth excell:
In trust whereof as in thy wings,
the sons of men shall dwell.

8. Within thy house they shall be fed,
with plenty at their will:
Of all delights they shall be sped,
and take thereof their fill.

9. For why? the well of life so pure,
doth overflow from thee:
And in thy light we are full sure,
the lasting light to see.

10. From such as thee desire to know,
let not thy grace depart:
Thy righteousness declare, and shew
to men of upright heart.

11. Let not the proud on me prevail,
O Lord of thy good grace:
nor let the wicked me assail,
to throw me out of place.

12. But they in their device shall fall,
that wicked works maintain,
They shall be overthrown withall,
and never rise again.

Critical notes:

This setting is similar to the one of Psalm 90;
text somewhat modernised.