

# Attend my people and give ear

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Audi Israel*

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590 - 1633)

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or *Playnsong*  
BASSVS

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1. I am thy sovereign Lord and God,  
Which hath thee brought from careful thrall  
and eke reclaimed from Pharao's rod,  
Make thee no Gods on them to call.

2. Nor fashioned form of any thing,  
In heaven or earth to worship it:  
For I thy God by revenging,  
with grievous plagues this sin will smite.

3. Take not in vain his holy name,  
Abuse it not after thy will:  
For so thou might'st soon purchase blame  
And in his wrath he would thee spill.

4. The Lord from work the seventh day ceased,  
And brought all things to perfect end:  
So thou and thine that day take rest,  
That to Gods hests ye may attend.

5. Unto thy parents honor give,  
As Gods commandements do pretend,  
That thou long days and good may'st live  
In earth where God a place doth lend.

6. Beware of murther and cruel hate.  
7. All filthy fornication fear.  
8. See thou steal not in any rate:  
9. False witness against no man bear.

10. Thy neighbour's house wish not to have  
His wife, or ought that he call'th mine:  
His field, his Ox, his Ass, his Slave,  
Or anything which is not thine.

## A Prayer

The sp'rit of grace grant us O Lord  
To keep these laws our hearts restore:  
And cause us all with one accord,  
To magnify thy name therefore.

For of our selves no strength we have  
To keep these laws after thy will:  
Thy might therefore O Christ we crave  
That we in thee may them fulfill.

Lord for thy name's sake grant us this  
Thou art our strength O Saviour Christ  
Of thee to speed how should we miss  
In whom our treasure doth consist:

To thee for evermore be praise  
With the father in each respect:  
And with the holy spirit always,  
The comforter of thine elect.

Critical notes:  
text somewhat modernised.