

THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 72

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Psalm 72 = THE REIGN OF THE _____ KING

- This Psalm is clearly a _____ Psalm. It appears to be a Psalm of David.
- Perhaps this was written at the end of David's life when Solomon was about to take the throne.
- The Psalm points to the One Who is "greater than Solomon."
- This Psalm deals with what a good King would do. All of the failures of our earthly government should lead us to long for the reign of a better King!

WHEN THE KING REIGNS, HIS REIGN WILL BE...

1. _____ . (vs. 1-4)

- a. Notice the words *judgments/judge* and *righteousness*.
- b. Vs. 1-2 = It is a good thing to pray for God to give these to our leaders.
- c. *Judgment* = "A determination of right and wrong on legal matters"
- d. *Righteousness* = "Rightness; justice; doing what is required according to a standard"
- e. V. 3 = Righteousness and _____ are often associated in Scripture. = In this verse, peace comes _____ righteousness. = Ps. 85:10, "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other." = Isa. 32:17, "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." (see also Rom. 14:17, II Tim. 2:22, Heb. 7:2, and James 3:18)
- f. The Bible says that Melchisedec (the Messianic King!) was "King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;"
- g. We can only have peace with God because _____ fulfilled God's righteousness!
- h. Pro. 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

2. _____ . (vs. 5-7)

- a. These verses are pointing to Christ.
- b. Christ's reign will be an _____ reign!

3. _____ . (vs. 8-11)

- a. V. 8 = Solomon ruled over an expansive kingdom, but he did not rule "unto the ends of the earth"!
- b. This is reserved for Christ. Christ will rule over a _____ kingdom!
- c. V. 11 = *...all kings shall fall down before Him...* = There is only one King of kings: Jesus Christ
- d. V. 11 = *...all nations shall serve Him.* = Philippians 2:10-11, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

4. _____ . (vs. 12-14)

- a. Notice the uses of the words "poor" and "needy."
- b. There will not be perfect fairness or true social justice until Jesus rules and reigns.
- c. "This healing of racial strife and the elimination of poverty and injustice are the marks of God's kingdom, but governments, even the best ones, don't come close." – Tim Keller
- d. It is good to know that those who are _____ by some are seen by God!
- e. Notice the 4 mentions of "He shall":
 - i. V. 12 = *He shall deliver* = "To rescue; to free from harm or evil"
 - ii. V. 13 = *He shall spare* = "To take pity; show mercy; have compassion"
 - iii. V. 13 = *(He) shall save* = "Delivered; to save from ruin, destruction, and harm"
 - iv. V. 14 = *He shall redeem* = "To bring into safety"
- f. V. 14 = "Christ shed His blood for us, because our blood was precious to Him." – Scroggie

5. _____ . (vs. 15-17)

- a. These verses speak of wealth and blessings to be seen in the King's reign.

- b. V. 15 = *And He shall live...* = Heb. 7:16, "Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life."
- c. V. 15 = What will be given to this King? Presents, prayers, and praises. = Are not we supposed to be giving these to our King "continually"?
- d. V. 16 = There would be abundance from even the most unproductive land. = This is a picture of abundance, blessing, and happiness.
- e. When Christ is the King of your life, the _____ are abundant and the _____ overflows!
- f. V. 17 = This can only be in reference to Jesus.

6. _____ . (vs. 18-20)

- a. This is a closing benediction or praise to God concluding the second book of the Psalter.
 - b. These verses focus on the glory of the Lord and that is what we will focus on in Heaven.
- "Such a Psalm should be much read in these days, to keep _____ strong and _____ clear." -- Scroggie
 - Let's keep praying, "Thy kingdom come!"

***Are we seeking after righteousness?
Are we showing God's grace to others?
Are we carrying on with joy?***