

Psalm 72

- This is the last of the Psalms in the 2nd book within the Psalms.
- The Psalms are divided into 5 books mostly along the lines of authorship.

Book 1	Psalms 1-41	primarily psalms of David.
Book 2	Psalms 42-72	Mostly Psalms of David (15) + 14 psalms of the Sons of Korah, + one of Asaph.
Book 3	Psalms 73-89	Asaph, Korah, and David.
Book 4	Psalms 90-106	All anonymous, although Psalm 90 is ascribed to Moses.
Book 5	Psalms 107-150	miscellaneous / catch all Psalms.

- This is a Psalm for Solomon, presumably because of the ending, these words were written by David for his son.

1 Kings 2:2-3 “²I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; ³and keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself.”

- This is another of the “Messianic” Psalms, written from David to Solomon praying for wisdom and guidance, but then it goes beyond Solomon to the prophesied son of David, to Jesus in anticipation of His glorious kingdom and reign.

V: 1-2 This could certainly be made into a personal prayer; but in context this is David praying for his son that he would be a good king, a wise king, that he would be righteous, and a righteous judge for the people.

- David sees the children of Israel as his flock, he’s been a good shepherd, and he wants a good and capable shepherd to follow after him.

Jesus is our good shepherd:

Isaiah 40:11 “He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.”

- David’s prayer was answered both in Solomon who ruled with wisdom, and later in Jesus who is the righteous judge.

John 5:22 “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.”

Psalm 89:14 “Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.”

★ V: 3-4 You would expect that a good king would bring peace, and righteousness, and good judgment, and that he would save and intervene on behalf of the needy, dealing with the oppressor, you would expect that from a good king, a good leader - but how do the mountains accomplish this?

- At this point this Psalm moves from speaking of Solomon to the kingdom and reign of Jesus the Messiah.

Another Messianic scripture describes the same thing:

★ **Micah 5:2** “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, thou shalt be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

- The Messiah / Jesus would be brought into this world as a baby born in the “mountains and little hills” of Bethlehem - He would bring peace with God by His righteousness.
- “**Righteousness**” (4x’s) (H6666) “**ṣedāqāh**”: A feminine noun meaning righteousness, blameless conduct, and integrity. The noun describes justice, right actions, and right attitudes, as expected from both God and people when they judge.

Jeremiah 23:5-6 “⁵Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. ⁶In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is the name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

★ V: 5 As an earthly king, Solomon will be feared and revered - but only Jesus will be feared and revered as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

- During the kingdom age there will only be reverence for Jesus, unlike our present time where that is not so.

Jeremiah 23:5 “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.”

- God had promised David an endless dynasty, which would be fulfilled through Jesus.

The angel Gabriel's message to Mary:

Luke 1:31-33 “³¹And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name Jesus. ³²He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: ³³And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end.”

V: 6-7 Rain on mowed grass is well received, it is refreshing, it is comprehensive - covers the whole thing.

- In the whole land of Israel, from the mountains to the hills, Solomon's reign would bring peace and prosperity, for both of these blessings depend on righteousness.

Isaiah 32:17 “And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.”

- When Jesus comes again it will be a time of refreshing. We see how the earth is governed today, and it will be so refreshing to see absolute righteousness reign.

Proverbs 29:2 “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”

★ V: 8-9 Solomon's reign certainly benefitted from his father's military exploits, and God gave him, the nation peace in his days - but this is obviously speaking of the kingdom reign of Jesus.

Psalms 2:8 “Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.”

- Those that dwell in the wilderness will bow before him, his enemies will “lick the dust” meaning they will be brought very low, face in the dirt.
- Jesus will be completely and absolutely victorious!

★ V: 10-11 The kings of Tarshish - the ends of the earth in those days, and of the isles, the coastlands.

- Sheba which is the area of Saudi Arabia, and Seba, the area of Ethiopia in Africa.
- 3 kings, Tarshish, Sheva, and Seba shall offer gifts.

Matthew 2:1, 11 “¹Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,” -
“¹¹And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.”

“*11b ... All nations shall serve Him.*”

Philippians 2:9-11 “⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

V: 12-14 These verses speak to the value of life, and a compassionate reign. One of the tragedies of pagan societies is that they don't have a real value upon life, so the plight of the poor, the disabled, the defenseless become more dire.

- The more pagan our society has become, the less it values life - this is manifest in the abortion industry and the killing of innocent children. Now the euthanasia movement, it's cheaper and more convenient to kill people than to care for them, not valuing their lives.
- To God however we are precious and He is our Good Shepherd:

Psalm 100:3 “Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.”

- God is and always has been the champion of the poor and helpless.

Psalm 116:15 “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”

Jesus said:

Matthew 10:29-31 “²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. ³⁰But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.”

- When you think about it, this is not just addressing those that are poor materially, but I'm thinking poor spiritually, those that are spiritually bankrupt, those are the ones who's souls He will save

Hebrews 7:25 “Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

V: 15 What a glorious day it will be when our Lord reigns! That is exactly what we've been praying for.

Matthew 6:10 “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

V: 15-16 Describe total or complete blessing to the nation:

- As previously described they would have a wise and a just **king** - political blessing.
- ¹⁵Describes the gift of the **Gold** of Sheba - economic blessing.
- ¹⁵Also describes that **prayers** would be offered continually - spiritual blessing.
- ¹⁶Abundant **crops** - commercial & agricultural blessing.

V: 16 This is a description or a picture of abundance and fruitfulness, that even the mountain tops will be covered with grain.

- The fruit thereof will shake like Lebanon: Driving to Modesto, the wind running over the waves of grass.

[America The Beautiful:](#)

“O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee..”

- Describing a time of general prosperity.

V: 17 His name, the name of Jesus shall endure forever:



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“... *all nations shall call Him blessed.*”

[The angels proclaimed to the shepherds at Jesus' birth:](#)

Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

V: 18 He is worthy of all praise and glory, and adoration!

Psalm 109:30 “I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise Him among the multitude.”

V: 19 Praising and worshipping God.

Psalm 103:1 “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.”

- Ending with that prayer: let the whole world be filled with His glory!

The Lord speaking to Moses declared:

Numbers 14:21 “But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.”

V: 20 While there will still be a few more Psalms written by David, which obviously are not in chronological order, this is thought to be the last Psalm that he wrote.

- So ends the 2nd book within the Psalms.

Looking forward to His appearing! Are you? Are you ready?