



## Daily Devotionals

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### PSALM 72 PRAISE FOR THE KING WHO IS GOD

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<sup>1</sup> Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

<sup>3</sup> The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

<sup>6</sup> He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

<sup>8</sup> He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>9</sup> The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust.

<sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.

<sup>11</sup> All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.

<sup>12</sup> For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

<sup>13</sup> He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

<sup>14</sup> He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

<sup>15</sup> Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him. May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.

<sup>16</sup> Let grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of the hills may it sway. Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon; let it thrive like the grass of the field.

<sup>17</sup> May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun.

All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

<sup>18</sup> Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

<sup>19</sup> Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

<sup>20</sup> This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse.

Even with the reign of Solomon, the kingdom of Israel never lived up to the vision of this psalm, while the final reality of the messianic Royal Son will far surpass it. His righteousness and justice will be unparalleled. His mercy and provision will be inexhaustible. His deliverance and salvation will be absolute. When his kingdom is consummated, all people will flock to his throne. And his reign will be an eternal reign. At that time the petition, “thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” will be fully answered. Then all the world will proclaim, “<sup>18</sup> Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. <sup>19</sup> Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.”

*Come, Lord Jesus, return and establish your reign here on earth. Bring down the New Jerusalem and call us to dwell in it. Fill our mouths with the praises of your perfect love, righteousness, justice and mercy. Be not only our God but our eternal king. We would be your subjects and serves you as our king. Come, Lord Jesus and let us carry you on our praises. Amen.*

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