

The Ultimate King

Read Psalm 72

Psalm 72 is a royal psalm, probably written as a prayer for the king's coronation. Its heading or title is literally "Of Solomon" in the original Hebrew. This could mean that it was written by him, for him, about him, or that it belonged to him. Down through the centuries, most have considered it a prayer of David for his son, Solomon.

So what does a royal psalm have to do with Messiah? God guaranteed that David would always have a descendant ruling as king. Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament, such as Isaiah 9:1-7, say that Messiah will be the final fulfillment of this promise. Thus the royal psalms, though originally written about an earthly king, find their ultimate fulfillment in the ultimate King, Jesus Christ.

With that in mind, notice what Psalm 72 tells us about Christ's reign:

1. He will be gifted with God's own justice and rightness. What higher prayer or praise could we ever have for our leader than that He always be completely just and right as God Himself is just and right?
2. Prosperity—people always want their leader to bring them prosperity. Under Christ, creation itself will pour out on His people all the natural, lavish, overflowing fruitfulness of its Creator. Christ will bring the fullness of all God's blessings, all that the Father's heart ever wanted for His children.
3. Unlike many leaders, His friends won't be the rich oppressors. He will crush them. Those nearest to Him will be the weak, helpless, and needy. Christ will be their Champion.
4. He will rule forever. Other human kings are limited by human weakness. They come and go, they fade and die. Christ breathes the unending, unlimited life of God. He and His Kingdom are forever.
5. Christ will not simply be a Jewish king, or the Lord for Christians or for one country alone. He will be Sovereign Ruler of the entire earth, King of all Kings and Lord of all Lords.

Christ will be the Ultimate King: universal and eternal, bringing overflowing prosperity and God's perfect justice to everyone, everywhere, including the most helpless among us. In Him the highest hopes of heaven and earth will forever become reality.

*If you want to see your future,
look at Jesus Christ.
We will be
like Him,*

*with Him, and
in Him,
completely and forever.*

Hymn: [Hallelujah Hymn](#)

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