

Psalm 72

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- 3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!
- 5 May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all
generations!
- 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
- 7 In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- 9 May desert tribes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!
- 11 May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!
- 12 For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
- 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live;
may gold of Sheba be given to him!
May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all the day!
- 16 May there be abundance of grain in the land;
on the tops of the mountains may it wave;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field!
- 17 May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!
- 18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
- 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!
- 20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

Royal Psalms in Context

Psalm 1 (Description of the truly happy person)

¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

² but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Blessing and prosperity are promised

Psalm 2 (A royal psalm; the reason one can be blessed)

- 1** Why are the nations in an uproar
And the peoples devising a vain thing?
- 2** The kings of the earth take their stand
And the rulers take counsel together
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
- 3** "Let us tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from us!"
- 4** He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.
- 5** Then He will speak to them in His anger
And terrify them in His fury, saying,
- 6** "But as for Me, I have installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

Summary: The Lord reigns!!!!

Psalm 3 (written when David was fleeing from Absalom; the true king will triumph)

- 1** O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
- 2** many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.
Selah
- 3** But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

The Long Line of Thronewarmers

Adam > Judges > United Monarchy: Saul, David, Solomon
> Divided Kingdom (1 & 2 Kings)

The promise to David:

When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever. (1 Chronicles 17:11-14), also see 2 Samuel 7:11-16

The pillars of Israelite faith: The temple and Davidic Monarchy

586 BC – Jerusalem and the Temple destroyed by Babylon, Judah exiled to Babylon

538 BC – Exiles begin returning

516 BC – Temple rebuilt

But where is the Davidic king?

The royal psalms are not descriptions of any particular historical situation, but an ideological picture of God's intention for the nations against the backdrop of historical reality. The book of Psalms is to be used as a manual for instructing ancient Israelites (and us) how to live in the absence of a Davidic king.

The Characteristics of the King

He judges the oppressor and executes justice for the poor

He blesses his subjects

The rules over the entire world

He makes the land flourish

His renown is forever

His glory fills his Kingdom

Jesus the True King

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" (John 12:13)

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. (Colossians 2:15)

On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 21:16)

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:3-5)

Don't You Want to Thank Someone

(Andrew Peterson)

Can't you feel it in your bones
That something isn't right here
Something that you've always known
But you don't know why

'Cause every time the sun goes down
We face another night here
Waiting for the world to spin around
Just to survive

But when you see the morning sun
Burning through a silver mist
Don't you want to thank someone?
Don't you want to thank someone for this?

Have you ever wondered why
In spite of all that's wrong here
There's still so much that goes so right
And beauty abounds?

'Cause sometimes when you walk outside
The air is full of song here
The thunder rolls and the baby sighs
And the rain comes down

And when you see the spring has come
And it warms you like a mother's kiss
Don't you want to thank someone?
Don't you want to thank someone for this?

I used to be a little boy
As golden as a sunrise
Breaking over Illinois
When the corn was tall

Yeah, but every little boy grows up
And he's haunted by the heart that died
Longing for the world that was
Before the Fall

Oh, but then forgiveness comes
A grace that I cannot resist
And I just want to thank someone
I just want to thank someone for this

Now I can see the world is charged
It's glimmering with promises
Written in a script of stars
Dripping from prophets' lips

But still, my thirst is never slaked
I am hounded by a restlessness
Eaten by this endless ache
But still I will give thanks for this

'Cause I can see it in the seas of wheat
I can feel it when the horses run
It's howling in the snowy peaks
It's blazing in the midnight sun

Just behind a veil of wind
A million angels waiting in the wings
A swirling storm of cherubim
Making ready for the Reckoning

Oh, how long, how long?
Oh, sing on, sing on

And when the world is new again
And the children of the King
Are ancient in their youth again
Maybe it's a better thing
A better thing

To be more than merely innocent
But to be broken, then redeemed by love
Maybe this old world is bent
But it's waking up
And I'm waking up

'Cause I can hear the voice of one
He's crying in the wilderness
"Make ready for the Kingdom Come"
Don't you want to thank someone for this?

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallalujah! Hallelujah!
Come back soon
Come back soon