

# THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY

## PSALMS 68-72

If you view the psalms as a treatise on theology you'll grow confused.

At times the psalmist himself struggles with his life and his faith. The psalms are not *a system of theology*, but *a diary of devotion*.

Genesis through Esther records the history of the Hebrews... *the steps of their feet, and the work of their hands* – but the psalms describe *the beat of their heart*. It's a journal of relationship. Author Harold Fickett writes, "[The Psalms tutor my soul in my love for God.](#)"

The psalms are the prayers, reflections, and even complaints from men who loved God dearly while struggling with the realities of life. Ron Allen sums up the psalms in seven words, "[Life is hard, but God is good.](#)"

**PSALM SIXTY-EIGHT** is "[to the Chief Musician A Psalm of David.](#)"

Today we live in "[the day of man](#)" – rebellious men are having their say on planet Earth. But the day is coming, when God will arise and have the final word! The Bible calls this time, yet future, "[the day of the Lord](#)".

Jesus will return to Earth, and take control of all that belongs to Him. A new day will dawn. Psalm 68 describes God's takeover of the planet...

["Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those also who hate Him flee before Him."](#) When the boys were little -

we'd all be in the same room. They'd be going nuts – bouncing off the walls, pushing their limits.

I would tell them to settle down... warn them to stop this or that...

On occasion they refused to take me seriously – until finally I stood up. When they saw dad stand they knew he'd had enough! All three boys would scatter. Sad for them, by the time I arose, it was too late.

This is a metaphor for our world today. The kids have turned the place into a zoo. Mankind has gone bonkers. And God is warning us right now...

But the day is coming when enough will be enough. God will arise. His enemies will recognize He means business and they'll all scatter in fear.

Sadly, by that point it'll be too late.

**“As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.**

He calls us to **“Sing to God, sing praises to His name; extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name YAH, and rejoice before Him.”**

**“YAH”** is a Hebrew nickname for God. It's a contraction of *Yahweh* or *Jehovah*. **Jehovah** is the English form of the Hebrew name **“Yahweh.”**

**“YAH”** is from the verb **“to be.”** It speaks of God's self-existence.

The universe is an integrated system. *All things* depend on *something* else for their survival, except God. He is the only self-existent One.

And we should praise Him. All that we know is a gift from God.

Notice one other detail in verse 4. God is pictured as **“Him who rides on the clouds.”** We learn from Ezekiel 1 that God’s throne in heaven is a chariot. Throne-chariots were common among oriental rulers.

Ezekiel sees God’s throne rev up. The wheels begin to spin. Other passages indicate God is on the move. He doesn’t just rule from one place. He rides on the clouds. He’s the ultimate mover and shaker.

The fiery chariot that picked up Elijah was probably God’s throne.

Verse 5 **“A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation.”** Our God is the God of the underdog. He has a special place in His heart for the weak, and oppressed, and disadvantaged.

**“God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.”** I love this verse.

**“God sets the solitary in families”** – God takes care of single people!

This is one of the purposes of the church. We’re God’s family to folks who have no family. We’re one big extended family.

A recent poll of 13-24 year olds done by MTV yielded some surprising results. What makes them happy is not what many adults think.

73% said that “**spending time with family**” makes them happiest. The next greatest determiner of happiness is “**time with friends.**”

It shouldn't surprise us that *the Facebook, My Space, cell phone, email, IM, text messaging, constantly-connected generation* craves relationship.

God has called the church to set “**the solitary in families.**”

Verse 7 “**O God, when You went out before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness, (Selah) the earth shook; the heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel. You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, when it was weary.**”

Every time Israel got tired and weary and their faith started to faint God would confirm His promises. He would strengthen Israel's trust in Him. He does the same for us. He “**confirms His inheritance when we're weary.**”

“**Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.**” We've dwelt in God's goodness.

“**The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those who proclaimed it: "Kings of armies flee, they flee, and she who remains at home divides the spoil."** 1 Samuel 30:24, after he defeated the Amalekites David said to his army... “**But as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be**

who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike.”

In Israel those who stayed in the rear to guard the supplies were just as important as those who went to the frontlines to engage the enemy.

The same is true in the church. If you serve in a support role don't think you're less vital than those who are out in front. Both roles are strategic.

“Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, yet you will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.”

Israel will go through hard times.

She'll lie down with the smelly sheep, but one day God will exalt His people. They'll get wings like a dove – *golden feathers*.

“When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Zalmon.” Zalmon is a mountain peak north of Samaria.

In the wintertime the locale receives a lot of snow, but the snow rarely sticks. This is the case with Israel's enemies – then and now. They may occupy for a time, but they won't stick. The land belongs to the Jews.

“A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan; a mountain of many peaks is the mountain of Bashan.” Bashan is another name for the Golan - the high ground and mountainous region north of the Galilee. This is the area where three nations meet – Israel, Lebanon, and Syria. The tallest peak is Mount Hermon, where Jesus was transfigured – 9200 feet.

But though these mountains are majestic, they're said to be envious of another special mountain. "Why do you fume with envy, you mountains of many peaks? This is the mountain which God desires to dwell in; yes, the LORD will dwell in it forever." In contrast to the beauty and splendor of the Golan Heights, Jerusalem and Mount Moriah has nothing to brag about.

But the Temple was built on Moriah. It was God's home on earth.

The chariots of God are 20,000, even thousands of thousands; the Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place. You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious, that the LORD God might dwell there."

Here's the picture of a victorious general returning from battle. His chariots are on parade. His captives are in tow. He has his spoils.

This is a picture of Jesus at His second coming - after He defeats His enemies and comes as a conquering general with the spoils of victory.

Ephesians 4 applies this passage to the victory of Jesus at His first coming. Paul says after His crucifixion, Jesus ascended into heaven, where He led captivity captive and gave spiritual gifts to men.

He emptied Hades of those OT saints who had waited there in faith of a finished atonement. He brought them into the presence of God. And now through His Spirit, Jesus gives supernatural gifts to His followers.

“Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation! Selah” What a *beautiful passage and bountiful promise*.

Have you ever opened the wrong side of the pepper? Rather than the side with the little holes – the sprinkler - you opened the pouring side and just dumped out pepper all over your food... *God does this all the time!*

His blessings always come out *the pour side* not *the sprinkle side*. God doesn't ration. **He loads us down** and showers us with His benefits.

Ephesians 1 tells us He's blessed us with “**all spiritual blessings.**”

Verse 20 “**Our God is the God of salvation; and to GOD the Lord belong escapes from death.**” God is the author of *the narrow misses* you've had in your life – *all the brushes with death*. “**Escapes from death**” belong to God.

“**But God will wound the head of His enemies, the hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in His trespasses.**” Notice the contrast. God loads His people with benefits, but scalps those who persist in their sin.

“**The Lord said, "I will bring back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, that your foot may crush them in blood, and the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies."**”

They have seen Your procession, O God, the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.” The whole chapter

depicts the conquering King returning from battle to reign from the sanctuary, the Temple.

Psalm 68 has a double meaning. It depicts David returning from one of his conquests. But it also depicts King Jesus at His Second Coming.

In the next verses David sees his subjects coming out to greet him. He addresses each group. **“Singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the maidens playing timbrels.**

**Bless God in the congregations, the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.**

**There is little Benjamin, their leader, the princes of Judah and their company, the princes of Zebulun and the princes of Naphtali.**

**Your God has commanded your strength; strengthen, O God, what You have done for us. Because of Your temple at Jerusalem, Kings will bring presents to You.”** Many foreign kings came and paid tribute to David.

They will come again at the end of the age to pay homage to Jesus.

**“Rebuke the beasts of the reeds** (The hippopotamus was the symbol of Egypt), **the herd of bulls** (mascot of Assyria) **with the calves of the peoples...**” God is rebuking the Gentile powers of that day.

**“Till everyone submits himself with pieces of silver. Scatter the peoples who delight in war. Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.”** The



nations will one day worship God.

Notice how their sincerity is detected... when “**everyone submits himself with pieces of silver**” – when they put their money where their mouth is.

This is true today. Do you honor God with your wallet? Are you willing to give Him the first of your income? Are you submitted with pieces of silver?

“Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord, (Selah) to Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which were of old!

Indeed, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice. Ascribe strength to God; His excellence is over Israel, and His strength is in the clouds. O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. Blessed be God!

**PSALM SIXTY-NINE** is “a Psalm of David.” It’s divided into 3 stanzas.

Verses 1-21 are cries of the **victim**. They focus on David himself. You’ll see his use of the personal pronouns - **I, me,** and **my**.

Verses 22-28 are cries for **vengeance**. The focus is on David’s enemies. He uses third person pronouns - **they, them,** and **their**.

Verses 29-36 are cries of **victory**. The focus is on the Lord. And David employs the pronouns - **He, Him,** and **His**.

Remember David is not only *a poet*, but also *a prophet*. There are times in this psalm (as in others) where his

speech transcends his own feelings and become prophetic of Jesus.

The **victim's cries** are those of the Crucified One hanging from a cross.

The **cries of vengeance** are those of the Victor at the final battle.

And the **cries of victory** are those of the King of kings on His throne.

**“Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.”** At the southwest corner of Jerusalem was a gate called “the Dung Gate.” It led to the Valley of Tophet.

It's where the city's sewage was deposited.

If you were walking along the ledge, overlooking the valley, you could slip and slide into the mire. The trouble in which the psalmist finds himself has caused him to feel like he's slid into the manure.

The Gospels record the **facts of the crucifixion** – and in many ways Psalm 69 gives us the **feelings of the Crucified**.

On the cross God deposited on Jesus the spiritual sewage of the human race. The sin of the gossip, and rapist, and murderer, and pornographer – all our sins were placed on Jesus.

The sinless One – Who'd never known sin - felt Himself slipping into the bubbling cesspool of human sin. What an awful feeling that must've been.

In the words of the poet, **“Oh, make me understand it, - help**

me to take it in, - what it meant for Thee, Thou Holy One - to take away my sin.”

Listen to John Phillips description of what Jesus endured on the cross.

“The cross was like a mighty lightning rod, reared against the skyline of the world. The descending fury of God's wrath was caught by that tree and its dying victim. The high voltage of God's righteous wrath against the human race exploded in the soul of the Savior. The human race escaped instant incineration because of the mercy of God.”

And the Savior Himself cries out in verse 3, “I am weary with my crying; my throat is dry; my eyes fail while I wait for my God.” Have you ever cried until you can't cry anymore? You've drained dry your tears.

“Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; they are mighty who would destroy me, being my enemies wrongfully; though I have stolen nothing, I still must restore it.”

Notice His enemies are many, mighty, and mistaken.

“O God, You know my foolishness; and my sins are not hidden from You.” These are the words of David - not the Savior. Jesus had no sin.

“Let not those who wait for You, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed because of me; let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel.” Don't let me be anyone's stumbling block.

“Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face.” Hebrews 12:2 speaks of Jesus on the cross. “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Jesus despised enormous shame.

“I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children...” Remember it wasn't until after the resurrection that Jesus' family believed in Him. Jesus was rejected by his immediate family.

By the way, according to Matthew 13, Jesus had at least four brothers and two sisters. Roman Catholicism holds to the doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary. They try to pass off Jesus' siblings as cousins.

Verse 9 “Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.”

In John 2:17 we're told Jesus' disciples remembered this verse after Jesus drove out the charlatans and moneychangers from the Temple.

This provoked the Jews and added to the hatred that murdered Him.

“When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, that became my reproach. I also made sackcloth my garment; I became a byword to them. Those who sit in the gate speak against me, and I am the song of the drunkards.” When Jesus

was crucified drunks from the local taverns mocked the One the angels had praised and worshipped!

“But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear me in the truth of Your salvation.

Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink; let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the floodwater overflow me, nor let the deep swallow me up; and let not the pit shut its mouth on me.” On the third day Jesus escaped the mire called death.

“Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good; turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies. And do not hide Your face from Your servant, for I am in trouble; hear me speedily.

Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; deliver me because of my enemies. You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; my adversaries are all before You. Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.”

The disciples had fled. Peter even denied Him.

“They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.” At a point in the crucifixion the Roman soldiers offered Jesus a shot of gall. It was a stupefying potion that acted as a narcotic.

The gall was intended to kill Jesus’ pain, but He refused to put it to His lips. Jesus had been sent by God to bear the full

brunt of our sin.

Toward the end of Jesus' ordeal the soldiers used a sponge to wet His lips. This contained only vinegar. It allowed Him to utter His final words.

Verse 22 begins the next stanza. We shift from *victim* to *vengeance*.

“Let their table become a snare before them, and their well-being a trap. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see; and make their loins shake continually. Pour out Your indignation upon them, and let Your wrathful anger take hold of them. Let their dwelling place be desolate; let no one live in their tents. For they persecute the ones You have struck, and talk of the grief of those You have wounded. Add iniquity to their iniquity, and let them not come into Your righteousness.

And the worst of the curse... “Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.” What a change of tone...

On the cross Jesus cried out, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." Mercy was on His mind. But at His Second Coming vengeance – not pardon – will be His rallying cry. The time for forgiveness will be over and the Christ-rejecting world will be blotted out of the book of the living.

Verse 29 starts the third stanza and the tone shifts a final time – from *vengeance* to *victory*. “But I am poor and sorrowful; let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high. I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull, which has horns and hooves.” A song of

praise - a song of gratitude - gratifies God more than a prime bull for sacrifice.

“The humble shall see this and be glad; and you who seek God, your hearts shall live. For the LORD hears the poor, and does not despise His prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them. For God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah, that they may dwell there and possess it.” This is all the Jews desire today – to live peacefully in their without a daily threat of Hamas rockets.

“Also, the descendants of His servants shall inherit it, and those who love His name shall dwell in it.” Israel will occupy Judah for generations.

**PSALM SEVENTY** may’ve been a fragment of Psalm 40. The 5 verses in Psalm 70 are nearly identical to the last 5 verses of Psalm 40.

This psalm has been called an emergency psalm – a spiritual 911. When God’s people find themselves in trouble they pray Psalm 70.

“Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD!”

He asks God to respond swiftly. Police Departments and operators at 911 centers are judged by their response time. *How quickly do they get to a cry for help?* Here, God is being asked to speed up His response time.

“Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life; let

them be turned back and confused who desire my hurt. Let them be turned back because of their shame, who say, "Aha, aha!" Every time David made a mistake his enemies cheered! He asks for God to be put to shame.

“Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; and let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!"

Here's what should be on your lips continually, “Let God be magnified!” Here's a modern way of saying the same statement, “Zoom in on God.”

Magnification is the zoom button. It blows up God. He gets enlarged.

We need God – His traits and deeds - to take up a bigger chunk of our attention. Too often God is **the picture in the picture**. He is the tiny block in the corner of the screen. Blow Him up. Have Him dominant your thoughts.

“But I am poor and needy; make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.”

Revelation 3 describes the lukewarm church – the church that Jesus spits out of His mouth. He quotes, “I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing...”

In contrast the psalmist says, “I am poor and needy.” God works with people who admit their need – not those who pretend they have none.

The older I get the more I love **PSALM SEVENTY-ONE**. It was written by an Israeli senior citizen. Some have suggestion David, or Samuel, or even Jeremiah. It was



written by someone in their metallic years.

I'm sure you're familiar with the Metallic Years...

It's later in life... "When your teeth are gold, your hair is silver, and there's lead in the seat of your pants – these are the metallic years."

Psalm 71 is the AARP theme psalm. It's been called the "Ode of an Old Man" or "Grace for the Grey-haired." It's for the 60-plus crowd.

Verse 1 "In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never be put to shame.

Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape; incline Your ear to me, and save me. Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress." The elderly desperately need to feel secure. As our strength erodes, and our health fails, and our friend's die, and our minds tend to forget, and we're not as sharp – we start to feel very vulnerable.

Just as the Lord challenges us to trust Him when we're young, in Psalm 71 we're challenged to trust God when we're old. God is the same God.

He's a refuge and rock and fortress for *grandkids* and *grandpas*.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; You are my trust from my youth." God sustained him when he fought battles and jumped walls. He won't let him down now that his knees ache.

“By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You.”

From his youth the psalmist had learned to trust God. His faith was built on a lifetime of observing the Lord's faithfulness. Now his old age should be a time to rest in what his previous years have taught him.

There's a Jewish Proverb, “For the ignorant, old age is a winter. For the learned, old age is a harvest.” It's a time to reap the seeds sown earlier.

“I have become as a wonder to many, but You are my strong refuge. Let my mouth be filled with Your praise and with Your glory all the day.

Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength fails.” Here's why old age can be a trying time in life. When our strength fails normal tasks that once were easy become more difficult.

Here the psalmist asks God to be His strength in his old age.

Did you hear about the 80 year old man who got a clean bill of health? His doc told him, other than his bad eyesight, he was in fantastic shape.

The old boy answered, “Well, I live blessed life. God takes good care of me.” The doctor asked, “*What do you mean by that?*” He said, “Well, every night when I go to the bathroom the Lord turns the light on for me.”

The doctor was taken back a bit. “*You've got to be kidding!*”

*You don't mean God Himself turns the light on for you?"* The old boy was adamant. *"Absolutely, every night God turns the light on when I go to the bathroom."*

A few weeks later the man's wife was in to see the doctor. After her exam, the doc told her, *"Other than his eyesight, your husband is in great shape physically, but mentally I'm concerned. He thinks God is turning the light on for him every night when he goes to the bathroom."*

The wife thought for a minute - then a smile came over her face. She said, *"That rascal, I thought somebody was peeing in the refrigerator."*

Old age is full of trials – and here's one that compounds the problem...

We live in a youth-oriented society. Watch television and you'll get the message that if you're not young, trim, and sexy - life has past you by...

According to one Gallup Poll, 79% of the elderly people in our country have never received any financial help from their children.

We need to value our elderly. Old age should be esteemed. Those with a few years under their belt should be prized. They have much to offer the rest of us – their experience and wisdom and faith.

Verse 10 **"For my enemies speak against me; and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together, saying, "God has forsaken him; pursue and take him, for there is none to**

deliver him."

O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

Let them be confounded and consumed who are adversaries of my life; let them be covered with reproach and dishonor who seek my hurt.

But I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more.

My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I do not know their limits." What a tremendous verse!

God's salvation and righteousness are boundless. His grace and mercy can never be depleted or exhausted. God's love is a love without limits.

"I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only. O God, You have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare Your wondrous works." Like all men, the psalmist knew he had to grow **old**, but he was determined to never grow **cold**!

Our motto needs to be... "**Faithful to the Finish**"

"Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come." Young folks have an obligation to the elderly – to value and support them, as their life becomes hard. But a senior also has a responsibility – to share with young people their knowledge of God.

I wonder how much knowledge and experience is being

wasted in our fellowship because older folks have chosen to sit out their golden years.

Rather than teach Sunday School, or mentor a teenager, or join a Bible Study full of younger men and women – they just sit on the sidelines.

This isn't a good strategy for older folks or younger folks...

The best way for an older person to stay young is to hang out with younger people. And young people gain from an elderly person's perspective. Robert Browning said of youth, "They see but half."

When old and young combine it provides a fuller picture.

Verse 19 "Also Your righteousness, O God, is very high, You who have done great things; O God, who is like You?"

You, who have shown me great and severe troubles, shall revive me again, and bring me up again from the depths of the earth. You shall increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

Also with the lute I will praise you - and Your faithfulness, O my God! To You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, and my soul, which You have redeemed.

My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long; for they are confounded, for they are brought to shame Who seek my hurt.

The postscript to **PSALM SEVENTY-TWO** tells us it is "a psalm of Solomon." Solomon wrote 3 psalms that appear in Scripture - Psalm 72, 127, and the third song is an entire

book, “**Song of Solomon.**”

Yet though Solomon penned Psalm 72 the words recorded were actually those of David, Solomon’s father. Verse 20 concludes the psalm, “**The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.**”

Psalm 72 is actually the last words of King David before he died.

It’s interesting to study the parting words and epithets of famous people. You learn a lot about a life from the person's final utterance.

Edgar Allan Poe, an unbeliever, said, “**God help my poor soul!**”

A strong believer, DL Moody, spoke these words on his deathbed. “**This is my triumph; this is my coronation day! It is glorious!**”

Here’s one of my favorite. An old Christian man once said, “**Blessed be God! Though I change my place, I shall not change my company.**”

And last, but not least, Mel Blanc, the voice of the cartoon character, *Porky the Pig*. His gravestone reads, “**That’s all folks.**”

One more thought... some of David’s words to Solomon were ambitions not intended for Solomon, but for a later Son of David, Jesus the Messiah.

“**Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son. He will judge Your people**

with righteousness, and Your poor with justice. The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.

They shall fear You as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth. In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.” The scope of this prophecy extends beyond Solomon to another son of David, Jesus.

Remember Jesus referred to Himself as “A greater than Solomon...”

“He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.” When Jesus returns He’ll rule the Earth from sea to shining sea! He’ll have dominion over every corner of the planet.

Vs 9, “Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, and His enemies will lick the dust.” One day mocking tongues will lick the dust!

“The kings of Tarshish and of the isles...” This is possibly the British Isles. In ancient times Tarshish was the furthest west you could travel.

The kings of Tarshish “will bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.” Here, east meets west at the feet of Jesus!

Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall

serve Him.

For He will deliver the needy when he cries, the poor also, and him who has no helper. He will spare the poor and needy, and will save the souls of the needy. He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; and precious shall be their blood in His sight.” Jesus will rule with a rod of iron, but His reign will also be one of compassion and benevolence.

And He shall live; and the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; prayer also will be made for Him continually, and daily He shall be praised.

There will be an abundance of grain in the earth, on the top of the mountains; its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; and those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; all nations shall call Him blessed. Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things!” All God’s work is wondrous.

He does nothing haphazardly or sloppily. There’s an excellence in all He does! Recall that when you serve Him. Shoot for excellence.

Verse 19 “And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.”