

Psalm 72 – A Royal Psalm

Introduction

- What is a royal psalm?

Psalm 72

- What does Solomon want for the king in v1-4?
- Why are these key qualities for a good ruler?
- What does Solomon want for the king in v5?
- What does Solomon want for the king in v6-7?
- What does Solomon want for the king in v8-11?
- What does Solomon want for the king in v12-14?
- Is this what powerful rulers normally do?
- What does Solomon want for the king in v15-17a?
- What does Solomon want for the king in v17b?
- What does v18-20 do?

Lessons

① Long Live the Queen

- What does I Timothy 2:1-2 teach about our attitude to rulers?
- Do you ever do that?
- What does Paul want us to pray?

- How does good government promote godliness and holiness?
- How does bad government hinder godliness and holiness?
- What does Romans 13:1-7 teach about our attitude to rulers?
- What is the picture behind the Greek word used here?
- What does this mean we should not do?
- Where is our ultimate submission to be?
- How does this fit in with the message of Psalm 72?
- How should this affect our praying?

② Long Live the King

- Which passage records some words of the prophet Nathan to King David?
- What does the Lord promise?
- Which of David's descendants fulfilled this?
- Which New Testament passage talks about Jesus' perfect justice and righteousness?
- Which New Testament passage talks about the length of Jesus' reign?
- Which New Testament passage talks about the blessings Jesus brings?
- Which New Testament passage talks about the extent of Jesus' reign?
- Give some examples of Jesus defending the weak.
- Give some examples of the blessings Jesus gives to people from everywhere.
- What do you need to do if you do not know Jesus as king?
- What do you need to do if you do know Jesus as king?