

# **HE DOES SO MUCH FOR HIS PEOPLE**

## **(Sermon Summary)**

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## **(Studies in the Psalms)**

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### **Reading: Psalm 72:12-20**

This is the end of this second section of Psalms. This might actually be the last Psalm that David wrote. Some think that Solomon was already reigning, and that David composed it on his death-bed.

It ends with praises (vv18-19), as do all the different books that the Book of Psalms is divided into (See Psalm 41:13; Psalm 89:52; Psalm 106:48; and Psalm 150:6). Psalm 72 is full of Christ, His nature, and the nature of His reign. His identity is the key to His accomplishments.

#### **1. No other name.**

His name is spoken of in v17. It tells us about this Person, that He is a Saviour. This is the only name in which people can be saved (Acts 4:12). He is divine, yet human (Isaiah 7:14; and Isaiah 9:6-7). He is wonderful, the mighty God. His divine credentials are also mentioned in Daniel 7: 13-14 under the title Son of Man. So this Person, with these names which are indicative of divinity and humanity, is glorious, worthy, and honorable. His value to His people is seen in some of the New Testament titles He is known by, such as Good Shepherd, the Vine, Husband, Bread, and Water. These are high titles and make Him worthy of praise and adoration (v15, vv18-19).

We learn that He endures. His identity and the power of His works remain (See Hebrews 13:8). He will live forever (v15) since His life and His ministry are indestructible. His cross will take away the sin of His people forever. Their sins will be blotted out and they will be able to enjoy the blessings of His salvation forever.

His work cannot be improved upon and remains. There is no place for further sacrifices like the Mass.

We are all blessed in Him (v11). His benefits extend to all nations. This was promised to Abraham (Genesis 12:13; and Genesis 22:18). This blessing includes us being assured of these promises made to us. It is grace working in the soul and bringing good effects (vv2-3; v4; v7; and vv12-14). This truth justifies sinners and dislodged lies and untruth. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to bear down upon us with the truth, compelling us, provoking us, convicting us, and encouraging us. We are given revelations and insights, and these overcome our sins. Reality dawns upon us and things fall more and more into place.

All nations receive these blessings, as seen when the wise men travel to see the infant Jesus. The promise is made to the apostles what the Spirit will take the message into all the world (Acts 1:8) and lead to men rejoicing (Acts 8:34-39). In our worship and praise we bless Him (v17), not by adding anything to Him, but by expressing our devotion in a very obvious way. We magnify His name by our words and works. We cast away our own names and would have only His name to be honoured. We give Him prominence and show to all people that we are His.

## **2. His help for needy sinners.**

He is a Saviour who truly saves people from their sin. His glory is all bound up in the works that He performs for His people. People scoff at the cross as though it shows weakness and ineffectiveness. It actually brings us help and deliverance.

He redeems His people (v14). We were helpless with none that could help us. We were slaves without the ability to set ourselves free. We needed the redemption price to be paid in our stead which the Lord Jesus did by dying for our sin. He is able to bring that release that we need (Luke 4:16-21). We were enslaved to all habits and old ways. The Lord sets us free from all these things.

He spares the poor and the needy. This does not mean that He only works for the economically poor or socially disadvantaged. Again, we were without help and we were able to cry out to the Lord and He heard us. Nobody else could have come to our aid. As the disciples, who thought they were going to drown, cried out 'Lord, save us!', so He saves us in our hour of need. We thought we were without hope, and that the judgment of God would crush us. Then we found that, through Him, we were spared from wrath and holy displeasure. Mercy saw us delivered from sin's penalty.

Then we find that there is great provision for our souls (v16). There is a feast for the soul as He keeps His house well stocked. We have the hidden manna and find that His body and blood are food indeed and drink indeed. We may not have an outward abundance

in the things of this life, but we have an abundance in the soul. Our fears are stopped, peace is spoken to us, and there is substantial and real help that He gives us.

So we pray that His kingdom will come (v19) to all and that all will share in this rich experience that is ours.