

Evening Sermon – September 13, 2020

“For Solomon” Psalm 72

I. Before he died, king David prayed
for his son, king Solomon –

A Psalm of Solomon. ¹ Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king’s Son. Psalm 72:1

²⁰ The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended. Psalm 72:20

II. As David prayed for Solomon, we
should note he also was praying
for his other Descendant Jesus
Christ, Whose Kingdom was
greater, even eternal –

⁴² The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here. Matthew 12:42 (NKJV)

Jesus calls Himself greater than Solomon:

- (1) Not in earthly kingdom or earthly wealth
- (2) But because He is the Eternal Son of God,
with an eternal Heavenly Kingdom –

¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS
Revelation 19:15–16 (NKJV)

Title.—“For Solomon.” I shall but mention a threefold analogy between Christ and Solomon. 1. In his *personal wisdom* (1 Kings 4:29, 30); so Christ (Col. 2:3); “In him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” 2. In the *glorious peace and prosperity of his kingdom*: the kingdom was peaceably settled in his hand. 1 Chron. 22:9; 4:24, 25. And so he fell to the work of building the temple, as Christ doth the church; so Christ (Isa. 9:6); he is the Prince of Peace, the great Peacemaker. Eph. 2:14. 3. In his *marriage with Pharaoh’s daughter*. Some observe that the daughter of Pharaoh never seduced him: neither is there any mention made of the Egyptian idols. 1 Kings 11:5, 7. In his other outlandish marriages he

did sin; but *this* is mentioned as by way of special exception (1 Kings 11:1); for she was a *proselyte*, and so it was no sin to marry her: and the love between her and Solomon is made a type of the love between Christ and the church. So Christ hath taken us Gentiles to be spouse unto him. Psalm 45.—*Samuel Mather* (1626–1671), in “*The Figures or Types of the Old Testament.*”

1. Prayers, prophesies for and of justice -

² He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice. ³ The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. ⁴ 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. Psalm 72:2-4

A. Justice is one of the jobs of a ruler, Solomon did this well –

²³ And the king said, “The one says, ‘This *is* my son, who lives, and your son *is* the dead one’; and the other says, ‘No! But your son *is* the dead one, and my son *is* the living one.’ ” ²⁴ Then the king said, “Bring me a sword.” So they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵ And the king said, “Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other.”

²⁶ Then the woman whose son was living spoke to the king, for she yearned with compassion for her son; and she said, “O my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!”

But the other said, “Let him be neither mine nor yours, *but divide him.*”

²⁷ So the king answered and said, “Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him; *she is his mother.*”

²⁸ And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to administer justice. 1 Kings 3:23–28 (NKJV)

B. Yet, with Jesus Christ, God is Just and the Justifier –

²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:24–26 (NKJV)

2. Prayers regarding the fear of the LORD -

⁵ They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations. Psalm 72:5

A. In Solomon’s day –

B. But obviously beyond Solomon’s day –

3. *Prayers about God's coming and blessing –
A. Showers of blessing (spiritual)*

⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers that water the earth.

Psalm 72:6

Verse 6.—There cannot be a more lively image of a flourishing condition than what is conveyed to us in these words. The grass which is forced by the heat of the sun, before the ground is well prepared by rains, is weak and languid, and of a faint complexion; but when clear shining succeeds the gentle showers of spring, the field puts forth its best strength, and is more beautifully arrayed than ever Solomon in all his glory.—*Thomas Sherlock*. 1678–1761.

B. Prosperity of the righteous -

C. Again this is eternal, which points to Christ -

⁷ In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.
Psalm 72:7

III. *David's death bed prophesies also go beyond Solomon –*

1. *An extensive dominion -*

⁸ He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth. ⁹ Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him,
Psalm 72:8-9

2. *The destruction of enemies -*

And His enemies will lick the dust. Psalm 72:9B

⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." Revelation 14:9–11 (NKJV)

3. *The worship of gentiles -*

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts. ¹¹ Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him. Psalm 72:10-11

Verses 9-10.—“Wilderness,” “Tarshish,” “Sheba.” The most *uncivilized*, the most *distant*, and most

opulent nations shall pay their homage to Him.—*Augustus F. Tholuck*.

4. *The salvation of the weak and needy -*

¹² For He will deliver the needy when he cries, The poor also, and him who has no helper.

¹³ He will spare the poor and needy, And will save the souls of the needy. ¹⁴ He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; And precious shall be their blood in His sight. Psalm 72:12-14

5. *He will be honored -*

¹⁵ 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. Psalm 72:15

6. *He will bring prosperity and blessing -*

¹⁶ 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. Psalm 72:16

Lebanon was an exceedingly fruitful mountain range ---

7. *His Name will be honored -*

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things! ¹⁹ And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. Psalm 72:17-19

“His name shall be continued.” Yinnon: The Kethiv, yanin, would be; “shall produce fresh progeny,” or “send forth new shoots.” William Kay

Solomon's name and even more Christ's -

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9–11 (NKJV)

IV. *David's Prayers -*

²⁰ The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Look at verse :18-19 to fully understand the meaning of verse :20 David would end His life praising God and prophesying that the entire earth would be full of His glory! So true - Amen and Amen

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