

August 29, 2021

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 needy,
and crush the oppressor!**
- ⁵ May he live 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 righteousness flourish
and peace abound, til the moon is no more!
- ⁸ **May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth!**
- ⁹ May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
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 they call,
the poor and those who have 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;
may it wave on the tops of the mountains;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
and may they blossom forth 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 bless themselves by him,
all nations call him blessed!**

St. James 1: 17-27

- ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.
- ¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
- ²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
- ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.
- ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.
- ²⁶ If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless. ²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.