

## SONGS OF THE KING | “Reigning King”

Psalm 72

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**God made 3 eternal promises in his covenant to King David (2 Sam. 7:12-17):**

- (1) House** The royal dynasty of David will yield Christ who will reign forever.
- (2) Kingdom** The Son of David will have dominion over a people and a place.
- (3) Throne** The Son of David will rule with authority and power.

**Five traits of Christ’s reign:**

### 1. Righteous (vv. 1-4)

**Justice** – To make right, fair and impartial judgments.

**Righteousness** – To be in sync with God’s ways, embodying God’s will.

**Isaiah 11:1–5** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

### 2. Eternal (vv. 5-7)

**Luke 1:31–33** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

### 3. Universal (vv. 8-11)

**Philippians 2:9–12** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

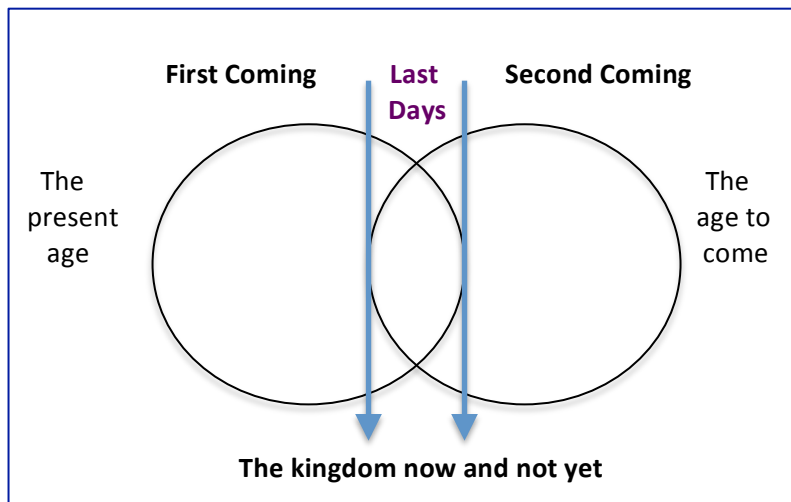
### 4. Merciful (vv. 12-14)

**Ephesians 2:4–7** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

### 5. Blessed (vv. 15-17)

**Genesis 12:3** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**John 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.



What is to be our response to King Jesus's reign in these last days?

- **Trust Him (Jn. 14:1-4; 1 Pet. 2:23)**
- **Worship Him (Matt. 2:11; 14:33; 21:1, 9; 28:9)**
- **Reflect Him (Rom. 8:29)**
  - Justice (Rom. 8:29; Amos 5:21-24; Micah 6:8; Matt. 23:23; James 2:1-9)
  - Righteousness (Rom. 6:13; 1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
  - Mercy (Lk. 10:29-27; James 3:1-18)
- **Wait for Him (1 Thess. 1:10; Heb. 9:27-28; 2 Pet. 3:11-14)**
- **Proclaim Him (Matt. 24:14; Lk. 24:45-49)**

### **Matthew 24:14**

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

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#### **A. Our way:**

- Reject the ruler-God
- Try to run life your own way

#### **Result:**

- Condemned by God
- Facing death and judgment

#### **B. God's new way:**

- Submit to Jesus as our ruler
- Rely on Jesus' death and resurrection

#### **Result:**

- Forgiven by God
- Given eternal life

**John 3:36** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

#### **Benediction**

**Ps. 72:18-19** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!