

**TIME OF REFLECTION**

“Though now long estranged,  
Man is not wholly lost nor wholly changed,  
Disgraced he may be, yet is not dethroned,  
And keeps the rags of lordship once he owned.”

~J.R.R. Tolkien, *Mythopoeia*, a poem written for C.S. Lewis

“Here is what we need to discover about power: it is both better and worse than we could imagine.”

“Power is nothing—worse than nothing—without love.”

~Andy Crouch in *Playing God: Redeeming the Gift of Power*

“When...freedoms are separated from...[truth], they become a force of destruction leading to chaos. When this happens...then, to quote Eric Hoffer..., ‘When freedom destroys order, the yearning for order will destroy freedom.’”

“At this point the words left or right will make no difference. They are only two roads to the same end. There is no difference between an authoritarian government from the right or the left: the results are the same.”

~Francis Schaeffer (1912-1984), theologian, philosopher, and pastor

“There has been a deepening recognition among elites in the West that as you begin to lose the power to control people by force, you have to start to control what they think. And in the United States, that recognition has reached its apogee.”

~Noam Chomsky, MIT professor, social critic and activist

“The simple step of a courageous individual is not to take part in the lie. ‘One word of truth outweighs the world.’”

~Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1918-2008), novelist and Soviet dissident

“I freed thousands of slaves, but I would have freed hundreds more had they known they were slaves.”

~Harriet Tubman (1822-1913), key leader of the Underground Railroad

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## *Worship through the Word*

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**SERMON** – “The King’s Dominion – Part 2” – *Pastor Don Willeman*

**SERMON PASSAGE** – *Psalms 72 (ESV)*

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| <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,<br>and your righteousness to the royal son!   | <sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when he calls,<br>the poor and him who has no helper.   |
| <sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness,<br>and your poor with justice!  | <sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,<br>and saves the lives of the needy.   |
| <sup>3</sup> Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,<br>and the hills, in righteousness!  | <sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life,<br>and precious is their blood in his sight.  |
| <sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,<br>give deliverance to the children of the needy,<br>and crush the oppressor! | <sup>15</sup> Long may he live;<br>may gold of Sheba be given to him!<br>May prayer be made for him continually,<br>and blessings invoked for him all the day!  |
| <sup>5</sup> May they fear you while the sun endures,<br>and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!                                 | <sup>16</sup> May there be abundance of grain in the land;<br>on the tops of the mountains may it wave;<br>may its fruit be like Lebanon;<br>and may people blossom in the cities<br>like the grass of the field! |
| <sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,<br>like showers that water the earth!  | <sup>17</sup> May his name endure forever,<br>his fame continue as long as the sun!<br>May people be blessed in him,<br>all nations call him blessed!   |
| <sup>7</sup> In his days may the righteous flourish,<br>and peace abound, till the moon be no more!   | <sup>18</sup> Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,<br>who alone does wondrous things.  |
| <sup>8</sup> May he have dominion from sea to sea,<br>and from the River to the ends of the earth!  | <sup>19</sup> Blessed be his glorious name forever;<br>may the whole earth be filled with his glory!<br>Amen and Amen!  |
| <sup>9</sup> May desert tribes bow down before him,<br>and his enemies lick the dust!   | <sup>20</sup> The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.  |
| <sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands<br>render him tribute;<br>may the kings of Sheba and Seba<br>bring gifts!       |   |
| <sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,<br>all nations serve him!   |   |