SCRIPTURE: Psalm 72

Intro: Of Solomon(?). New King. Leaders. 1Kings3

- 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 children of the needy. and crush the oppressor!
- 5 May they fear you 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 the righteous flourish, and **peace abound**, till the moon be no more!
- 8 May he have **dominion from sea to sea**. and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- 9 May desert tribes bow down before him. and his enemies lick the dust!
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands 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 he calls, the **poor** and him who has 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; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom 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 be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!
- 18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!
- 20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended. Conclusion: (All Scripture is inspired & useful to you)

TITLE: "A Leader's Prayer"

Intro: Leaders: Parents. Bosses. Business Owners. Teachers. Students. Teammates. Pastors. Older siblings. Upperclassmen. Elderly/Senior citizens. Influencers. Government. Officers. Believers. Everyone.

Main Idea: "Lead with care for the glory of God and good of others."

I. Lead with Care (v1-4)

- A. Treat all with respect/justice (prostitutes 1Ki3).
- B. Look out for most vulnerable. *Eph.4:28.*
- C. Lead for the Good of the People/not self

ILLUSTRATION: Good to Great.

D. Love, Wisdom & Humility = Care

APPLICATION:

Parents - Don't exasperate. Know limits/meet needs. Help succeed. Bosses/BusinessOwners -

Teachers -

Leaders/Government/Influence -

Pastors/Officers/Ministry -

Students/Teammates/Upperclass -

Older Siblings -

Believers/citizens -

II. Lead with Prayer (v5-17)

- A. Notice covenant faith (v.1 royal son!). Dependance.
- B. Notice need for prayer (v.15; 2Cor1:11; Col.4:3; 1Thess.5:25; 2Thess.3:1; Heb.13:18).
- C. And his prayer for the people. (1Sam.12:23)
- D. To give life/endurance/fruition/success

ILLUSTRATION: v.6 Cut grass then rain. It's going to beae fruit. It's going to give growth. Thrive. Life.

- E. To gain respect/opportunity/influenceF. To spread/make impact/change/difference

ILLUSTRATION: Queen of Sheba.

G. To better people's lives. For their good. Flourish

APPLICATION:

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III. Lead for God's Glory (v18-20)

- A. That others know Him through your leadership
- B. That you serve/glorify Him through your work

ILLUSTRATION: *Eph.6:5-9* Superiors/Inferiors. WLC.

- C. That you and others would bless him b/c
- D. For the good of others

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CONCLUSION: JESUS (BACK)

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- **Ephesians 4:28**: Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.
- **2 Corinthians 1:11:** You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.
- <u>Colossians 4:3</u>: At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—
- 1 Thessalonians 5:25: "Brothers, pray for us."
- <u>2 Thessalonians 3:1</u>: Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,
- <u>Hebrews 13:18</u>: Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.
- <u>1 Samuel 12:23:</u> Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way.

CONCLUSION: JESUS!

Jesus's rule and reign will never end. It will only grow. We can pay this exact same prayer about Jesus and His Kingdom (the Church), knowing that Jesus's promise will be fulfilled and this will happen.

- <u>- v.1-2:</u> King Jesus will bring justice and righteousness in all the land.
- <u>- v.3,6-7,16:</u> King Jesus's people will prosper and King Jesus's land will flourish in the new heavens and new earth.
- **v.4-5**: King Jesus will crush His enemies and He will be feared by all of His enemies.
- **v.8:** King Jesus's dominion will be over the whole earth.
- <u>- v.9-11:</u> Kings, rulers and people from every nation will bow down to King Jesus and bring their tribute, gifts and worship to Him. Every knee will bow and tongue confess King Jesus as Lord! And all will serve Him one day.
- <u>- v12-14:</u> King Jesus will defend and deliver the poor, needy and oppressed from among His people. He is the Helper of the Helpless.
- **v.15**: King Jesus will live forever because He has conquered death + the grave.
- v.17: King Jesus's Name will endure forever and his fame will spread throughout the world.
- <u>- v.18-19:</u> King Jesus will be blessed forever as the One who has done wondrous things for His people and His Name will be blessed as a glorious Name when the whole earth is filled with His glory. <u>AMEN and AMEN!</u>
- > KINGDOM PRAYER! Pray for the King & His Kingdom! Psalm 72.

CONCLUSION: JESUS (BACK)