

Perfect King

I. Slide1 **Announce:**

- A. Slide2 Men's Breakfast Sat.
- B. Slide3,4 Next Wed 2 things: Fam Night 6:30pm. No FHC Mtg next Wed.
- C. Slide5 Ladies Pick.
- D. Prayer: The instructions of the Lord are perfect, **reviving the soul**. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, **making wise the simple**. The commandments of the Lord are right, **bringing joy to the heart**. The commands of the Lord are clear, **giving insight for living**.^{Ps.19} [**revive us**. make us **wise**. bring us **joy**. give us **insight** for living]

II. Slide6 **Intro:** Perfect King

- A. **David** is praying and writing about his son Solomon taking over as king.
 1. Peace and security prospered while Solomon was on the throne. **And** Israel's domain was extended.
- B. The **Royal Psalms** are especially significant for **Christians** because they provide the **background** **and** find their **culmination** in **Jesus**.
 1. So this is about **Solomon's reign** **and** **Jesus' reign**.
 2. These royal characteristics had their **partial fulfillment** in Solomon, **but** their **ultimate fulfillment** awaits the reign of **Christ**.

III. Slide7 **1 ROYAL RIGHTEOUSNESS (1-4) READ**

- A. David prays for **blessing** on Solomon's **reign** and **wisdom** to administer **justice** to his people.
 1. Slide8 God grants it in 1 Kings 3:5,9-14. *5 That night the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!" ...9 Give me an **understanding heart** so that I can **govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong**. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?" 10 The Lord was pleased that*

*Solomon had asked for wisdom. 11 So God replied, “Because you have asked for **wisdom** in governing my people with **justice** and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies - 12 I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! 13 And I will also give you what you did not ask for - **riches and fame!** No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! 14 And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life.”*

- B. Slide9a (2) May he judge your people with **righteousness** (*tzadeqah*), and your poor with **justice** (*mishpat*)!
1. *The poor, the needy, & the orphans* will be delivered from their oppressors.
 2. **God is just & loves justice and thus hates injustice** (any abuse of power). **Justice is basically Care for the Vulnerable.**
 3. It's treating people **equitably**, by giving people what they are **due**.
 4. **Punishment to the evil doers, or protection or care to the vulnerable.**
And living a life of right relationships w/God & w/our fellow man.
[combo rt & justice] (see 4b)
 5. **Justice is birthed in the character of God & comes from the heart of God.**¹
 - a) **Did you know:** the bible talks about **justice**, *twice as much* as it does **love**.
 - b) Slide9b **Justice/mishpat** is giving people what they are **due**, whether punishment or protection or care.
 - c) **Righteousness/tzadeqah** refers to day-to-day living in which a person conducts **all relationships** in family and society with *fairness, generosity and equity*.
 6. **And why does God hate injustice so much, because He loves the victims of injustice so much. He can't even sit still when He sees it.**

¹ Ken Wytsma, Justice Conf LA, 2014

a) Ps.12:5 I have seen **violence** done to the **helpless**, and I have heard the groans of the **poor**. Now *I will rise up* to **rescue them**, as they have longed for me to do.

7. *Justice is not a fad, it's not a trend, it's not a political agenda, Justice Matters because justice must be part of our worship of God.*² Eugene Cho

C. (3) His reign was like a refreshing shower that made the earth **fruitful** and **beautiful**

1. God can make you wise and a blessing to others.

2. Do you bring refreshing showers or storms into peoples lives?

IV. Slide10 2 ENDLESS REIGN (5-7) READ

A. (5) It will outlast the sun and the moon. Repeats later in vs.17.

B. (7) peace - Solomon's name שְׁלֹמֹה (sholomo) was derived from Shalom, think Jesus *Prince of Peace*.

V. Slide11a 3 BOUNDLESS REALM (8-11) READ

A. From sea to shining sea. To the ends of the earth.

1. These verses especially apply to Jesus in His glorious reign yet to come, but He can give you peace and safety today as you yield to Him.

a) Slide11b He wants you to *reign in life right now*. Rom.5:17 *For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

B. (11) *All nations* will bow down to him and serve him. This never happened to Solomon, but will with Christ.

1. Slide12a Mt.12:42 NKJV *The queen of the South (Sheba) 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.*

² Eugene Cho, Justice Conf LA, 2014

2. We see in this Psalm the word *righteousness* (2,3,7) **AND** the word *peace* (3,7). Those 2 words are brought together in the book of Hebrews in the **Slide12b** person of *Melchizedek*. *He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.* Heb.7:2 [Jesus is the king of **rt** & **peace**]

VI.Slide13a **4 COMPASSIONATE KING (12-14) READ**

- A. In great pity, He will **rescue** the **weak and needy**, **viewing their lives as precious**.
- B. **Slide13b** Msg, *Because he rescues the poor at the first sign of need, the destitute who have run out of luck. He opens a place in his heart for the down-and-out, he restores the wretched of the earth. He frees them from tyranny and torture - when they bleed, he bleeds; when they die, he dies.*

VII.Slide14 **5 ENDLESS BLESSING (15-17) READ**

- A. (17a) **David Covenant** - God's promise of David's dynasty & Cov. 2 Sam.7
- B. (17b) **Abrahamic Covenant** - I will bless you, to be a blessing to others. Gen.12

VIII.Slide15a **6 DOXOLOGY AND CONCLUSION (18-20) READ**

- A. **This last section** is *independent* from the rest of the Psalm as it represents the close of Book 2 of the Psalms. Each of the 5 books of psalms closes w/a similar doxology of praise.
- B. David offers up *praise* to Israel's glorious God **and** coming ruler Jesus Christ.
- C. (19) **May the whole earth be filled with His glory** - Just this week the earth was **even more filled** with **God's glory**.
1. **Slide15b** I'm talking about the 1st images that came from our new *largest optical telescope in space* ... The James Webb Space Telescope. It is designed primarily to conduct *infrared astronomy*.
 2. This picture is Webb's First Deep Field image of galaxy cluster SMACS 0723 (released just 2 days ago). **The picture reveals 1000's of galaxies.**

- a) If you held **1 speck of sand**, on the tip of your finger, at arms length, that is the part of the universe that you're seeing, just **1 little speck of the universe**.
- b) May the whole earth be filled with His glory!

D. From Gloom to Glory.

1. When things around you **look dark**, remind yourself that God will one day **fill the earth with His glory**.

E. This Psalm gives a great picture of that **happy earth** which people are vainly trying to *bring into being* ... by their own wisdom and work.

1. But who alone can bring it to pass? Whom should we look to for its accomplishment? **Jesus!**

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