

# THE COMING RULE OF THE MESSIAH-KING

## PSALM 72

Introduction:

Was this a prayer for Solomon or a prayer offered by Solomon? This question challenges the scholars, but really affects the meaning of the psalm very little. This is essentially a prophetic psalm that looks beyond the rule of a good king Solomon to the ultimate Son of David who will reign. It may well have been a prayer for Solomon, but no Solomon could ever fulfill the deep desires in this prayer. Only One King will ever be able to so rule on the earth among men—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of the living God.

Our interest in the psalm is to discover what life will be like when the Messiah-King rules on the earth! What about His rule provokes the intensity of these petitions? In identifying the marks of His rule we are considering the essential nature of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God in consummation is the rule of the Risen Christ on the throne of David.

- I. HE WILL RULE IN ABSOLUTE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE. (V. 1-2)
- II. HE WILL BRING PEACE TO THE EARTH. (V. 3-7)
- III. HE WILL RULE OVER THE WHOLE EARTH. (V. 8-11)

IV. HE WILL DELIVER THE NEEDY. (V. 12-16)

V. HE WILL MANIFEST THE GLORY OF GOD IN HIS RULE. (V.  
17-19)

Amen and Amen!