

## **THE RULE OF THE SON OF DAVID**

### **PSALM 132**

Introduction:

Our form of government is a temporary phenomenon in human history. Most of human history has been marked by the rule of kings, pharaohs, Caesars, and dictators. It was only in fairly recent times that men decided to abolish the rule of some person who claimed a divine right to rule, and to exercise the right to choose their own government. They elected to have government “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” But this form of government will not last.

In the end of human history God will restore to the earth a universal theocracy. I use the word “restore” because human history began with a theocracy. The first man and the first woman lived under the Rule of the Creator until they chose self-rule. In end of history God will restore all things—including His direct rule over the earth. He will utilize the throne of the famous king of Israel, David, and will enthrone Himself on the throne.

There are fore-gleams of this future theocracy in this psalm.

Solomon may have written this psalm as a hymn for the dedication of the temple that he had led Israel to construct. It is obvious that the author of the Psalm has filled his mind with the revelation that God gave to David

concerning David's family and concerning the temple. God had promised David that one of his sons would reign over Israel forever, if they would be teachable and obedient. (Unfortunately his sons were not teachable or obedient so they did not benefit from the promise.) The covenant that God gave to David focused on an Anointed Son who would come and through whom the rule of God, the theocracy, would finally and fully be realized.

Jesus our Lord identified Himself as this Son of David. The angel assured His mother before His birth that He would sit on the throne of His father David. After His resurrection the apostle declared Him to be the promised Anointed One, the Messiah, the Son of David. This makes these prophetic words in this Psalm of great interest to me. What do they tell us about the rule of the Son of David, the restoration of the heavenly Theocracy to human history?

At first the focus seems to be on the place where He will rule—Zion. But then the focus turns to the nature of His rule. Will He actually rule on a throne in earthly Jerusalem? Probably, but we will have to wait and see. In the New Testament the focus moves from an earthly Jerusalem to one that is heavenly, a city that comes down from God out of heaven. It is the symbols of His rule that gives us insight into the nature of His rule.

## I. HE SHALL RULE WITH POWER.

“There I will make the horn of David grow.”

The horn of the bull became the symbol of ultimate power in the world of the Psalmist. It was usually used of defensive military power since the bull would use its big horns to protect itself from any attacker.

1. The power is divine power.
2. The power is defensive power.

## II. HE SHALL RULE WITH GLORY.

There are two symbols that speak of the glory of His rule.

“I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.”

“And upon Himself His crown shall flourish.”

1. The lamp promises the influence of His glory.
2. The crown promises the authority of His glory.

## III. HE SHALL RULE WITH VICTORY.

“His enemies I will clothe with shame.”

“I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.”

1. He shall know victory over His earthly enemies

All who have usurped his place of sovereignty and have opposed His purposes in the earth will be covered with shame.

This will include false religious powers as well as false political powers.

2. He shall know victory over His spiritual enemies.

This will include Satan and all of his demonic followers, who are destined for the bottomless pit and the lake of fire.

It will include death and the grave. He has already demonstrated His authority over death in His own resurrection from the dead, but He will consummate that victory by raising all His dead from their graves, and giving to them a new body that will be suited for the eternal realm. He will also consummate it by casting death and the grave into Hell itself.

Lord Jesus, Son of David, is it not time for you to come and occupy the throne of Your father David? Is it not time for the restoration of theocracy to human history?