

Psalm 72

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1. Give the king your | justice, • O | God, *
and your | righteous- • ness | to the | King's Son;
2. That he may rule your | people | righteously *
and | — the | poor with | justice.
3. That the mountains may bring prosperity | to the | people, *
and the | little | hills bring | righteousness.
4. He shall defend the needy a- | mong the | people; *
he shall rescue the | poor and | crush • the op- | pressor.
5. He shall live as long as the sun and | moon en- | dure, *
from one gener- | ation | to an- | other.
6. He shall come down like rain up- | on the • mown | field, *
like | show'rs that | water • the | earth.
7. In his time shall the | righteous | flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the | moon shall | be no | more.
8. He shall rule from | sea to | sea, *
and from the River | to the | ends • of the | earth.

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9. His foes shall bow | down be- | fore him, *
and his | ene- • mies | lick the | dust.
10. The kings of Tarshish and the | isles shall • pay | tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and | Saba | offer | gifts.
11. All kings shall bow | down be- | fore him *
and all the | nations | do him | service.
12. For he shall deliver the poor who | cries out • in dis- | tress, *
and the op- | pressed who | has no | helper.
13. He shall have pity on the | lowly • and | poor; *
he shall pre- | serve the | lives • of the | needy.
14. He shall redeem their lives from op- | pression • and | violence, *
and dear shall their | blood be | in his | sight.
15. Long may he live! and may there be given to him | gold from | Arabia; *
may prayer be made for him always, and may they | bless him | all the • day | long.
16. May there be abundance of grain on the earth, growing thick | even • on the | hilltops; *
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and its grain like | grass up- | on the | earth.
17. May his name remain for ever, and be established as long as the | sun en- | dures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in | him and | call him | bless'd.
18. Blessèd be the Lord GOD, the | God of | Israel, *
who a- | lone does | wondrous | deeds!
- †19. And blessèd be his glorious | Name for | ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his | glory. • A- | men. A- | men.