

## PSALM 72

Of Solomon.

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1. O God, give to the king Your jus-tice,  
His son Your right-eous-ness.  
You are the God in whom our trust is;  
Your hand a-lone can bless.  
May he, the roy-al son, be reign-ing  
with judg-ments true and sure,  
to all Your peo-ple right or-dain-ing,  
Your jus-tice to the poor.

2. *May for the people hill and mountain  
bring forth the peace they seek,  
and justice, gushing like a fountain,  
restore the faint and weak.  
May he defend the poor and needy;  
may he their children save,  
and crush oppressors, proud and greedy,  
who for their downfall crave.*

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3. May he, so high a-bove the na-tions,  
live while the sun en-dures -  
he who through-out all gen-er-a-tions  
our joy and peace en-sures;  
and may he be like rain that drench-es  
the mead-ows parched and pale,  
like show-ers whose a-bun-dance quench-es  
the thirst of hill and vale.

4. May *in his days* the *righteous* flourish  
and *peace on earth* be found;  
may *for all* those who *justice* cherish  
his *righteousness* abound.  
Long may he live and rule our nation  
while *sun and moon* endure;  
may he *in every generation*  
their *peace and joy* ensure.

5. For evermore may *his* dominion  
 from *sea to sea* extend,  
 and *from the River to the regions*  
 of *earth's remotest end*.  
 May *Sheba with its gifts* adore him,  
 and *may from east to west*  
*his foes all come to bow before him,*  
*his haters lick the dust.*
  
6. May *princes*, moved by *awe and wonder*,  
 then *travel miles on miles*,  
 that *they may* him the *tribute* render  
 of *Tarshish* and the isles.  
 May *Sheba with its gifts* adore him,  
 and *Seba treasures* bring.  
 May *rulers all fall down before him*  
 and *serve him as their king*.
  
7. The *helpless poor* he *will deliver*  
 and *hear them* when they call,  
 for *he, as great and gracious* giver,  
 has *pity* on them all.  
 He *saves them from oppressors* greedy  
 and *hears their anguished* cries;  
 the *blood of all the poor and needy*  
 is *precious in his eyes*.
  
8. Long *may he live!* May *all present* him  
 with *Sheba's finest gold*;  
 as *tribute* may the *nations* grant him  
 most *precious* gifts untold.  
 May *people join in celebration*  
 to *praise him without end*.  
 For *him let prayers of invocation*  
 to *heaven's throne* ascend.

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9. Through-out the land may grain be grow-ing  
from plains to moun-tain tops;  
like Le-ba-non, may fields be glow-ing  
with boun-teous gold-en crops.  
May in the cit-ies peo-ple flow-er  
like hill-sides in the spring.  
May all the earth ac-claim his pow-er  
and of his glo-ry sing.

10. *The king whose name we are professing shall like the sun endure. In him all nations find their blessing; their peace will be secure. Blest be the LORD, for He so glorious alone does wondrous things. O God, in all the earth our chorus with "Amen, Amen" rings.*