

Psalm 72

Deus, judicium

1 Give the king your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness 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 among the people, *
rescuing the poor and crushing the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers 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.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, *
and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The rulers of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the rulers of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All rulers shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.

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12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress *
and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor *
and shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression 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 upon the earth.

17 May his name remain for ever *
and be established as long as the sun endures;
may all the nations bless themselves in him *
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel, *
for you alone do wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be your glorious name for ever *
and may all the earth be filled with your glory.
Amen. Amen.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Amos 3:1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Hear this word that the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

Do two walk together unless they have made an appointment? Does a lion roar in the forest when it has no prey? Does a young lion cry out from its den if it has caught nothing? Does a bird fall into a snare on the earth when there is no trap for it? Does a snare spring up from the ground when it has taken nothing? Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster befall a city unless the Lord has done it?

Surely the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?

Proclaim to the strongholds in Ashdod and to the strongholds in the land of Egypt, and say, "Assemble yourselves on Mount Samaria, and see what great tumults are within it and what oppressions are in its midst." They do not know how to do right, says the Lord, those who store up violence and robbery in their strongholds. Therefore thus says the Lord God: An adversary shall surround the land and strip you of your defense, and your strongholds shall be plundered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.