

When You Wonder About Your Responsibility to Your Leaders

Psalm 72

Background

Probably not “of Solomon” but in light of v 20, “for, or on behalf of Solomon.”

God wants you to _____ for your Leaders.¹

That they rule/lead with _____ and _____, 1, 2, 4, 7.

Justice = the general word for the administration of justice, making right and fair decisions.

Righteousness = the state of doing what is required according to a standard; justice, i.e., the state or condition of fairly deciding what is right in a legal case, without prejudice.

Especially among the _____, afflicted and _____, 2, 4, 12-14

The point isn't that the King always rule in favor of the poor. The Point is that the poor, the non-influential be granted justice, not brushed aside because there is nothing for the leader to gain from them.² If they are guilty, the word for justice and righteousness would demand some sort of punishment for them as well.

See 1 Timothy 5:21. It is an easy thing for any leader to side with those who can grant favors, prestige, etc.

That God grant _____ to the king, 5, 15.

That _____, _____, and _____ be given through the king, 3, 6, 7.

¹ Note please Psalm 20 and 1 Tim 2:1, 2.

² See Isaiah 1:12-17; Amos 5:14-15, 24.

You can't divorce righteousness and justice from blessing and peace.

That the king's influence become _____, 8-11.³

That he not ignore the weak and poor, 12-14.

That he live _____ and prosper all _____, 15-17

That God be praised for all he has done and will do, 18-20.

So what?

God wants you to see what ought to be important to leaders.

God wants you to see your responsibility to pray for them, that they become what God wants them to be.

Political leaders, yes.

But all kinds of leaders, pastors, etc.

Who is God?	What has he said?	What has he done?	What does that mean to me?

³ Matthew 28:19-20.