

**PSALMS**

Please turn in your Bibles this evening to Psalm 69 as we continue our study through the Word of God. As you read through this Psalm you will see that it is a Messianic Psalm and is the second most quoted Psalm in the New Testament, besides Psalm 22. Remember in Psalm 22 we saw the crucifixion of Christ, it was a picture of Jesus hanging on the cross of Calvary and what He saw as He looked down, what He felt. It is more descriptive than what we read in the New Testament of His feelings during this time.

Here in Psalm 69 we see that the sufferings that our Lord endured for us were overwhelming, like an ocean of God's wrath that came upon Him, not because He deserved it, but we did and He took that wrath that was due us upon Himself! In the New Testament Jesus speaks of this time as a baptism as He is going to be immersed in these waters. In Luke 12:50 Jesus tells us, **“But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!”**

The near term fulfillment may be the rebellion of Absalom and the people that sided with him in this rebellion against his father David. Many of David's closest friends sided with Absalom in this rebellion and it was overwhelming to David. With that said, let's begin reading in Psalm 69, starting in verse 1 and see what the Lord has for us as we study through His Word.

**PSALM 69****VERSES 1-3**

1. David feels that his life circumstances are making him feel like he is drowning, that he is being pulled under. No doubt about it, these are very difficult times for David, but God does allow them for a purpose, not only in David's life, but in our own.

Make no mistake about it; waiting upon God to work is one of the hardest things to do. Look at David and you will see it was hard for him and I believe it is just as hard for us to wait upon the Lord to act, to deal with the situations we face in life! But let me ask you this, "What else are you going to do?" Yes, you can try to work it out on your own but it will never be as good as when the Lord works. There are always consequences when we step in and try to help God out. Look at Abraham and as he tried to help God out by having a child with his maidservant. That child was not the child of promise but a thorn in the flesh and it continues to be a thorn to the Jews even today!

If this is speaking of Absalom's rebellion, then David was living in exile, in the wilderness of Judah and he is not sure if he was going to be killed or not. So all he can do is wait upon the Lord! As I have said, many times we try to work our way out of situations, but it will never work out as good and be as fruitful as when God intercedes.

The other thing we do is we tend to give up. Why do we do that? Well, the problem for us is we have a timetable, we have an idea of when this should be taken care of and when it is not, we feel that God has waited too long and we give up. "God, you had your chance to do something, but now it is too late!"

Remember Jesus' friend Lazarus who was sick and his sisters sent word to Jesus. And once Jesus heard that Lazarus was dead, he waited another 2 days before heading to Bethany. And when Jesus arrived, Lazarus was already dead 4 days. And when Martha sees Him she rebukes Jesus for taking so long. She said, "**... 'Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.'**" John 11:21.

In other words, because you waited so long, now nothing can be done for him. Wrong! Jesus said, "**Lazarus, come forth!**" and he did! Lazarus rose from the grave. You see, even a greater miracle took place, giving glory to God. Here's the thing. It is never too late for God. He is not in a hurry. It is according to His timetable and plan. Thus, all we can do is wait upon the Lord! That is the best thing we can do!

2. As we look to the work of Jesus for us in these verses we see that this ocean of judgment that was due us came upon Jesus so that He may pay in full the penalty for our sins! There is that separation from the Father as He turned His back on His Son, on Jesus as He bore the sins of the world for us!

#### VERSE 4

1. For David, he did nothing for the people to turn on him, for his friends to turn on him. He was not a perfect man, there are none and yes, his sin with Bathsheba had consequences, but here we see David cry out that he did not do anything wrong to have this come upon his life!

2. Now as we look to Jesus, we see this played out also. In John 15:25 Jesus said, **“... ‘They hated Me without a cause.’”** Why did they hate Jesus so much that they wanted Him to be crucified? Was it because he healed the sick, the lame, the mute, the deaf, delivered those who were demon possessed, because He raised the dead? You see, they truly hated Jesus for doing good. Even when He healed people they were upset with Him. God has given to us life, something we did not deserve and it was our sin that nailed Him to that cross for us. That is love!

Someone put it like this in regards to what Jesus has done for us, that He came to restore that which He did not steal in the first place!

Aside He threw His most divine array,  
And veiled His Godhead in a robe of clay  
And in that garb didst wondrous love display,  
Restoring what He never took away.

- Author Unknown

#### VERSES 5-12

1. David recognized his sin and he did not want his sin to affect those around him. He did not want it to cause anyone to stumble. And yes, God called David to be King, it is not something he took for himself, and yet he did pay the penalty for that position. His brothers disliked him, Saul wanted him dead, and-so-on.

When you are doing the Lord's work, many will not appreciate what you are doing or what you have to say. The question is, will you give in to please man, or will you continue to serve God? This is how Peter and John responded to the religious leaders of their day when they were told not to speak of Jesus. **“... ‘Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.’”**

Just speak the truth and understand that many will not appreciate it! You can't let man influence what you will do, you must be a God pleaser and in doing so, many will not appreciate that, sometimes not even your friends!

Now for David, he loved to worship the Lord and I think we see that in verse 9. You see, one of the first things David did when he became King was to bring back the Ark and restore the worship of God. Saul was not concerned with this, but David was. David had such a heart, such a zeal for the Lord.

And as you look at verses 10-12 we see David speak that from the city leaders who sat at the gate to the city drunks, all were coming against David in this rebellion. And as David said, it really doesn't matter what you do, you will never please everyone. I am sure we have all found that out and the reality is, we are to please the Lord, we are to be faithful to what He has called us to do in spite of what man may have to say or how they may respond!

2. Now in relation to Jesus, this may not seem to fit when you first read it, but I think it does. You see, the big question here in verse 5 is when did Jesus sin? The Bible says He had no sin in Him, so how does this fit the life of Jesus? I think of it like this, He had no sin of His own but He bore the sins of the world, He became sin for us so that we might live! Paul put it like this in II Corinthians 5:21, **“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”** So I think that is the idea here as it is related to Jesus.

Now keep in mind that Jesus had half-brothers and sisters. That is what the Bible tells us. And they thought He was crazy, they did not believe what He was saying. In John 7:5 we are told, **“For even His brothers did not believe in Him.”** It wasn't until after His death and resurrection that they believed!

And Jesus quotes verse 9 in John chapter 2 as we see Jesus enter the Temple area and drive out the money changers who were ripping the people off and those that sold the animal sacrifices at outrageous prices. He wanted the Temple to be restored to a place of worship. He wanted the Temple to be a place where people can fellowship with God! People came to worship the Lord and instead they were being ripped off!

And look at churches today. They market everything and anything they can. They sell prayer clothes, that are nothing more than pieces of paper and if you send in your money God will answer your prayer if you just place your hands on this piece of paper! Think about all this that goes on and if Jesus entered some churches today, how would He feel? We see Las Vegas nights, gambling, drinking and so on, to make money for the Lord. How sad that we have not learned from the past.

And in verses 10-12 we see this played out in Jesus life as we are told in Matthew 11:18-19, where Jesus said, **“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by her children.”**

3. Now how can we apply these things to our life? We have touched on this some but this idea of the Temple of God we can make very personal. You see, Paul tells us in I Corinthians 6:19, **“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”** Thus, we too should have a zeal for the Lord, cleansing our bodies of all that garbage and drawing closer to Him.

Also, when we serve the Lord we should give our best. We should not give our second best or worse. He is Lord; He is God and thus, as Paul said in Colossians 3:23-24, **“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”** May we serve the Lord to the best of our ability! He is looking for faithfulness and He will produce the fruit in our lives!

VERSES 13-18

1. Where does David retreat to? He retreats into God, the One and really the only One who can deliver David from his enemies and restore him. Thus, we see David asking God to intercede quickly. What a great lesson for us. Instead of complaining to man, bring your requests to God and in His time He will answer the prayers of your heart. That is the hard one, in His time and not necessarily in my time. And for David, he has the confidence that God is going to redeem him, not in the sense of saving from Hell, but out of this present situation!

2. We can see this in the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus prayed for this cup to pass from Him and we can also see this on the Cross of Calvary as Jesus waited upon God to deliver Him from this present situation!

VERSES 19-21

1. For David, you can feel the heaviness of heart that he has in this situation. He looked for someone, some friend who would stand beside him and encourage him, but he did not find any. Well, that is not true. The Lord is always with us and we need to remember that fact. Man will fail us but God will never fail us or forsake us!

2. Now in regards to this as a picture of Jesus and what He endured. Remember the night before His crucifixion Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him as He went into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Again, this was just before he was to bear the sins of the world upon His shoulders. And as He prayed, they slept. (Luke 22:45). We have no idea what He went through and His men could not even stay awake, to be with Him. We, as Christians should encourage each other, but ultimately we need to go to the Father and allow Him to minister to our hearts. He never slumbers or sleeps!

3. David speaks of this gall that was given and this is a verse that is quoted in Matthew 27:34, 48. What is this gall all about? Gall was used as an anesthetic to deaden the horrible pain that went with crucifixion. But Jesus refused it. The wine vinegar was used to moisten the lips and mouth. Jesus wanted to be fully alert; He did not want any mind altering drugs to cloud the work He was to do for us! As Christians, may we be fully alert, redeeming the time because the days are evil!

#### VERSES 22-28

1. David is calling for those that have come against him to be destroyed by God. They wanted David dead and thus, David is calling for God to do to them that which they wanted done to David.

2. Now how in the world does this apply to Jesus especially when Jesus cried from the cross of Calvary, **“Father, forgiven them, for they do not know what they do.”** Luke 23:34. I don’t think there is any conflict between Jesus calling for their destruction and to forgive them. I know, how does that play out? Here’s the thing, and I think we all understand this. Forgiveness is available to anyone who repents, but if they refuse, if they reject the free gift of life that is found in Christ, then there will be judgment!

3. I think that Jesus is speaking of the nation of Israel after they rejected the Messiah and that spiritual blindness has come upon them as a nation. Paul tells us in Romans 11:25-27 **“For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: ‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.’”** One day the nation of Israel’s eyes will be opened to the truth!

Now how do I know for sure this is speaking of Israel? Because Paul quote’s these verses in Romans chapter 11. He wrote, **“And David says: ‘Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always.’ . . . And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.”** Romans 11:9-10, 23.

You see, because they rejected the Messiah judgment has come upon them. We can see this played out in history for in 70 A. D. the Romans destroyed the city, the Temple, and thousands of Jews were killed, causing them to flee for their lives. It is as Jesus said in Matthew 23:37-39, **“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’”**

Keep in mind that it has only been since 1948 that they have been re-gathered in the land of Israel once again. And I believe that this is the petition that the Jews will speak as they receive Jesus as Lord and Savior and it is this petition that will bring the Lord back to establish His Kingdom as He forgives them of their sins. That is why we see anti-Semitism growing around the world, the Devil once again wants to wipe out the Jewish people to stop them from getting saved and having the Lord return to set up His Kingdom on this earth!

4. Now what is this book of life or the book of the living all about? There is the book of life that is spoken of in Revelation 3:5 where everyone’s name is written, and if they reject Christ, when they die, then their name will be blotted out of that book. There is also the book of life of the Lamb found in Revelation 13:8 which has written in it only those that are saved.

You see, you have a choice. To either accept Christ and your name will not be blotted out of the book of life and you will be found in the Lambs book. Reject Christ and your name will be blotted out of the book of life and you won't be found in the Lambs book.

#### VERSES 29-36

1. David recognized his weakness and thus, he looked to the Lord to bring him salvation in this situation. He looked to the Lord to set him on high, on the throne once again. And in knowing who God is and how much God loves him, David praises the Lord, worships the Lord and is obedient to the Lord, which is far better than all the sacrifices that could be made by him! Make no mistake about it; the Lord is more pleased with our worship and praise of Him than all the sacrifices in the world.

2. Now let's see how this relates to Jesus. We know from the Scriptures that Jesus will be set on high. We know that His name will be so far above all names that at His name every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord! (See Philippians 2:10-11).

And then the Psalm concludes with a picture of the Millennial Kingdom, the thousand year reign of Christ on the throne in Jerusalem, the Kingdom Age! And Israel is restored; they have come to their Messiah, Jesus Christ and have received the salvation that only He can bring! And it is then and only then that Israel will dwell securely in the land!

**PSALM 70**

This Psalm is almost identical to Psalm 40, verses 13-17, and may have been taken out of that Psalm and used to be sung during some special occasion. As you read this short Psalm of David you can see that it is a cry for help unto the Lord because of a difficult situation that he was in. And folks, we have all been there, we have all done that in our lives and maybe we are doing that right now! And as you read this see if you pick up on the idea that David is impatient as he is going through this difficult situation. Have you ever felt that way? If you shake your head and say “No!” you are a liar. We are impatient, we want things to change now, but it doesn’t always work like that! So let’s read through this Psalm and listen to the heart of David because I think it is what we go through during difficult times!

**VERSES 1-3**

1. Now there is nothing wrong with crying out to God for help, the problem comes when we want God to work in our time and not His. He does make all things beautiful, but it is in His time! May we not forget that! God is in control and He will not let anything happen to us that He will not see us through. But, as we are going through these times it is hard to see that. All we can do is trust in what God has said in His Word and walk by faith!

VERSES 4-5

1. David begins and ends this Psalm by asking God to intervene quickly on his behalf. But no matter what his enemies may say, he is going to look to the Lord for help and sing out “**Let the LORD be magnified!**” I see that same attitude in the life of the apostle Paul. Yes he was discouraged at times but when you see the things he went through and how he was able to praise the Lord through those times, what a lesson that is for me. God will see us through and even in the darkest hour He is at work and He can do amazing things in us and others no matter how dark it may be because once the light is turned on, the darkness flees!

PSALM 71

In my Bible this Psalm is called a, “*Prayer for the aged.*” I don’t know if the Lord is speaking to me on that one or not? Now who wrote this Psalm? We are not sure but I feel, like others that David wrote this Psalm on his deathbed. The specifics can be when his son Adonijah tried to make himself King. But Bathsheba gets word of this and tells her husband King David, and David calls for his men, and anoints Solomon as the new King in Israel. But as you look at some of the verses in this Psalm, it seems to be pointing to the time of Absalom’s rebellion. In either case, I think David wrote this Psalm towards the end of his life. Let’s see what he has to say.

VERSES 1-3

1. As you read this it seems that David is talking about being on the run from someone, and most likely that person is his own son Absalom. What I want you to notice is that David does not run to another location for deliverance and peace. He does not move to a warmer climate. It is not a better job. It is not this or that. There is only one thing that David runs to for deliverance and peace, and that is the Lord! And where should we run to? Obviously we are to run into the arms of the Lord, we are to take refuge in the shadow of His wings. It is as Proverbs 18:10 say's, **“The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.”**

In Isaiah 26:3 we are also told, **“You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.”** When we are focused on the Lord what kind of peace does He promise us? It is a perfect peace, it is the peace of God that surpasses all understanding, it is the peace in the midst of the storms of life! And thus, even in old age and especially in old age, we can find peace, we can find safety, we can find comfort, we can gain understanding as the Lord renews our minds! Don't lose sight of that whatever age you are at in your life and whatever situation that you are facing! May we, like David, desire simply the Lord!

VERSES 4-6

1. God is not only our hope, but He is the one we place our trust in. And David saw the hand of God upon his live, even from birth. I think if we truly understand that, if we truly believe that God has formed us in the womb and has a plan for our life, then praise will flow from our lips even in the midst of these storms of life that we will encounter!

VERSES 7-8

1. People were amazed at what David could do. When he was young he killed the Philistine giant, Goliath, and he was made into a hero. But the thing we must not lose sight of is that God was the one working through David just as He works through us! And as God worked through this young man He is still working in the life of David even in his old age, at the end of his life!

2. Now besides confusion for many as they go through life, many in their old age, and even young people, complain a lot. And here is the problem if you are in that condition of being a complainer, it is a heart issue. You see, what flows from your lips had its origin in your heart. How can you fix that? The way you can be one who has praise flowing from your lips instead of complaints is by renewing your mind, filling your mind with the Word of God. As God transforms you, molds you, what He is doing on the inside will overflow on the outside, you will praise the Lord instead of complaining!

VERSES 9-11

1. We don't know how old David is at this point in his life, but I believe it is toward the end of his life, the time you would think things would get easier, you can just relax! If you truly think life gets easier when you get older, forget about it! Do you really think the enemies of God are saying, "Well, you know that old timer over there, let's not pick on him! Let's give him a break!" Are you kidding me! The enemies of God will continue to come against you until the day you go to be with the Lord. But, as much as the enemies mount against us, so too will the Lord as He stands with us!

2. One write put it like this,

To grow old gracefully calls for more Grace than Nature can provide. Old age is a new world of strange conflicts and secret fears; the fear of being left alone, the fear of being a burden to loved ones, the fear of becoming a helpless invalid, the fear of losing one's grip, the fear of being imposed upon. These fears are not new. The psalmist is here thinking aloud for the encouragement of all who are in the autumn of life.

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These are real fears that can overwhelm us but don't forget that we have a real God who can give us hope, who can see us through these times and give us His peace as we run into the shadow of His wings!

#### VERSES 12-16

1. If this is speaking of the rebellion of Absalom, and just looking back at what took place and the end of David's life, this prayer was answered by God. Remember that the Lord confused the counsel of David's friend who turned against him, Ahithophel, and that bad counsel was given to Absalom and that confusion brought David the victory. And for David, his hope was in the Lord. Make no mistake about it; hope is a very powerful in our lives for without it we would just give up!

Let me show you what I mean regarding hope. Several years ago there was a study done in California with wharf rats or rats that lived by the water.

The first group of these wharf rats was placed in water and after about 16 minutes of trying to swim they would give up and die, they would drown. Then they used another group of wharf rats, placed them in the water for 15 minutes, then they took them out, dried them off, gave them something to eat, and then they placed them back in the water. They repeated this several times until finally they just left them in the water to see how long they would last. Interestingly enough, these wharf rats didn't last 16 minutes, 32 minutes, not even 2 hours, but they lasted some 32 hours!

What happened? What was the difference? One group had no hope while the other group did! You see, without hope there is no point in going on, but with this other group of wharf rats, they had hope that they would be rescued and it encouraged them to go on.

Now in Jeremiah chapter 29 Jeremiah is sending a letter of encouragement to the Jewish people who were in captivity in Babylon. God's people were in captivity some 1,000 miles from home, from Jerusalem and Jeremiah is encouraging them to build homes in Babylon, plant gardens, marry and have children, pray for the peace of Babylon for in their peace they will find peace.

And after all of this Jeremiah tells us beginning in verse 10 of Jeremiah chapter 29, **“For thus says the Lord: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.”** Jeremiah 29:10-14.

Notice the precious promise that God gives to us. That He knows the thoughts that He thinks towards us. And notice that these thoughts are of peace, not of evil. The result of knowing that is to give us a future and a hope. You see, for the people of God, they would be returning home after 70 years of captivity in Babylon. How evil some may think, but not with God, He used it to bring about good in their lives, the lives of His people!

Idolatry, forsaking the Lord brought them into captivity and in Babylon they learned those lessons, and as a nation they never went into full blown idolatry again. The turning point for them was when they came to the end of themselves and called upon the Lord, sought the Lord, and once they did, the Lord was found by them, He was right there all along!

Hope is very powerful and our hope has to be in the Lord. No matter how dark things may seem, no matter how difficult they are right now, look to the Lord, hope in Him because the work that God has started in you He will complete! And as you are getting older, don't get lazy, be like Caleb who, when he was eighty-five years old he didn't choose beach front property, or land next to the golf course, but said, "**Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said.**" Joshua 14:12. Thus, as you get older don't get weaker, lazier, but be stronger than ever in the Lord!

#### VERSES 17-18

1. I don't know about you, but I don't want to be like Uncle Joe in Petticoat Junction who was moving kind of slow at the Junction, Petticoat Junction! I want to be able to share the love of God with my grandchildren, to pass the things of God to future generations. I also want to be able to share with people God's Word. My retirement plan is heaven!

VERSES 19-21

1. We may not like this one, but David says that God has “**shown me great and severe troubles.**” Well praise the Lord, right? No, we don’t like that but notice what David goes on to say, that God “**shall revive me again, and bring me up again, from the depths of the earth.**” In other words, David is saying that God is bringing him through difficult times to help him to grow and strengthen his faith. We don’t like stretching, working out because it hurts but for muscles to grow they need to be exercised. The same is true with faith, we need to exercise it, put it to the test so that it too will grow!

2. Now David could also be speaking of resurrection life. Job points this out also when he said, “**For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God.**”

Job 19:25-26. And what a great day that will be when we meet the Lord, either in the Rapture or when these bodies go back to the dust of the earth and we come before our Lord!

VERSES 22-24

1. David invented many instruments of praise besides writing many of the Psalms that were sung in the worship of God. And David just praised God for His righteousness, knowing that God would deal with the wicked. Thus, as we get older may we not be complainers but have a heart that is filled with the praise of God and what is on the inside will overflow on the outside.

It is as Paul said in Ephesians 5:15-21, **“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.”** The song that God has placed in our heart may we sing it forth with praise unto our God!

### **PSALM 72**

I don't believe this is a Psalm *of* Solomon, but *to* Solomon, and was written by David, as verse 20 tells us. Solomon became King at a young age and David is giving him some instructions on what he should do. This is also speaking of another of David's sons, Jesus Christ! And as great as Solomon's kingdom was, it will not compare with the Kingdom that Jesus will establish. The peace and prosperity that Solomon enjoyed will not compare to the peace and prosperity that will be ushered in as Jesus sets up His Kingdom!

VERSES 1-4

1. Keep in mind that during the reign of Solomon his kingdom grew larger than at any other time in their history and it was very wealthy. And David is praying for this young King that God would give him the wisdom to rule the nation and that Solomon would rule with justice, righteousness. That is a great prayer for anyone who is a leader in the church, in the home, at work and-so-on.

2. This, of course, is speaking of Jesus Christ and His reign on the earth. Righteousness will fill the land. Justice will be put forth. The poor, the needy will be taken care of. We long for that day!

VERSES 5-7

1. Yes, the near term fulfillment is speaking of Solomon but we can clearly see that this is speaking of more than Solomon and it will be fulfilled when Jesus returns and sets up His Kingdom on this earth!

VERSES 8-9

1. Yes Solomon's kingdom was large, but it will not compare with the Kingdom that God will establish. The Kingdom of God will cover the earth and the earth will blossom forth in the Kingdom Age.

2. Now let me say this because there are those that hold to this doctrine called Dominion Theology. What this means in a nutshell is that we as believers have to make this world ready for the Lord to return. That means we have to take over the government, we have to establish a new society in which righteousness flows and when we do the Lord will come back to sit upon the throne. Not gonna happen! Look at what we have done so far, it is not looking good. At this rate the Lord will never return.

But it is not about us setting up for the Lord so He can return; the Lord will establish His Kingdom. He will set forth the things that need to be done. And think about this. It is the Antichrist who will come on the scene and say that he has the answers to all of the spiritual, economic, political, and even environmental issues of the day!

In Daniel chapter 2 we see King Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon have this dream of a multi-metallic image and they represented world empires, the last one being the revived Roman empire before the Lord returns. What I want you to notice is what we read in Daniel 2:44-45. We are told what will take place in the days of this last world empire, **“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold - the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”**

Did you get that? The God of heaven is going to set up His Kingdom. He is the stone cut without hands. In other words, God does not need our help to set up His Kingdom; He is going to do it!

VERSES 10-14

1. If you remember in our study on Solomon as we went through Kings and Chronicles, many of the kings of the earth brought him gifts. But it is not going to compare to when the King of Kings and Lord of lords is on the throne.
2. The violence, the oppression, the wickedness that we see growing today will be done away with for the Lord will be on the throne. You see, the more pagan a society gets, the less there is a respect for life. Look at this nation and the number of abortions that are done each day. We have a 9/11 every day as these children are murdered in the womb, over 3,000 per day in this country! Look at the number of murders that occur each day. And the reason is simple, as you move away from God; you lose respect for life, the life that God has given each of us. But one day, when the Lord returns, righteousness will fill this land!

VERSES 15-16

1. In the Kingdom Age the earth will be lush once again, like it was in the Garden of Eden. We get a glimpse of what this will be like in Isaiah 51:3, where we are told, **“For the Lord will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the Lord; Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.”**

Also, in Isaiah 11:6-9 we are told, **“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.”**

And in Isaiah 65:25 we are told, **“The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,’ Says the Lord.”** That is a glimpse into the Kingdom Age and righteousness will fill this land and there will be peace among creation!

VERSE 17

1. Have you ever been let down by someone? I am sure you have. But here is one name that will never let you down. How can I say that? Because we are told in Acts 4:12, “**Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**”

Every other name, every other program, will let you down, but not Jesus. His name shall endure forever and we are blessed because of Him! The promise that God made to Abraham, that through his seed the nations of the world would be blessed is fulfilled in Jesus Christ!

VERSES 18-19

1. David closes with a doxology or praise unto God. And someday the earth will be like this, the earth will be filled with His glory!

VERSE 20

1. This is the last Psalm that David wrote before he died and gave the Kingdom over to his son Solomon. That does not mean it is the last Psalm of David in the book of Psalms, for there are others. But it is the last one he wrote towards the end of his life.

2. Next time we will begin the third division of this book, which includes Psalms 73 through 89. Asaph or one of his descendants wrote 11 of these Psalms. The sons of Korah wrote 4. David wrote 1 and Ethan wrote 1. And we will see that next time.

As I close this evening, let me leave you with this. These prayers of David have ended; they have been fulfilled, but when? I believe it is with the establishment of the Kingdom Age, that is what David has been writing about, as Jesus rules and reign's from His throne in Jerusalem, the fulfillment of the promise that God made to the Jewish people!