

Part 5 – A Blessing to All Nations

In part 4 we learned about more things that David asked God would do for his son, Solomon, when he became king of Israel. He asked that he would be faithful to deliver the poor and needy from all oppression; this means anyone who is unable to defend themselves from others afflicting them. And he also asked that Solomon would love the people so much that he would look upon judging them (even the most vulnerable in society) as important as redeeming his next of kin. David then asked for Solomon to have a long and prosperous life (and reign) and that he would be so loved that even precious gifts from far off would be brought to him, and that the citizens would love him so much that they would pray for and praise him continually. And while much of this prayer was fulfilled by Solomon, he was only a ‘type’ of David’s ‘greater Son’, Jesus Christ, who will fulfill this beautiful Psalm *with perfection*. Because, as wise as Solomon was (thanks to God’s gift), he did end up becoming corrupted in his later years. So, his praise and adoration were not everlasting as it will be for Jesus Christ. For our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will return to earth and do an absolutely perfect job enforcing God’s Laws with grace, mercy and compassion, but also great strength in punishing the wicked. And that’s why Jesus Christ truly does (and always will) live forever, and why He’ll give those who are found worthy to serve Him eternal life too. Justice won’t always go unfilled on the earth; it will be revived when Jesus Christ finally returns. But David is not done with his beautiful prayer for his ‘son’...

Psalm 72

16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

This translation is a bit difficult to understand; so, let’s look at some of the words. First off, the word ‘**handful**’ actually means **abundance** (#6451) and the word ‘**corn**’ can be **grain of any kind** (#1250). And this is quite helpful, because the translation makes it sound like just a small portion of ‘corn’, when it’s really saying *an abundance of grain*. But, what does David mean when speaking of corn *on the top of the mountains*? His desire for Solomon’s rule is that the land will be *so prosperous* that corn (or grain of any kind) would be able to grow clear up to the mountain tops, which is significant because normally grain is only grown in the fertile valleys where the weather is better and water is typically plentiful. The *Moffett Bible* renders this as “*May the land be rich in waving corn, right upon to the top of the hills*”. So, David is simply asking for *great* blessings upon Israel. And then he asks that the ‘**fruit**’ (which does mean fruit but can be *literal or figurative*, #6529) will ‘**shake**’ (**undulate** #7493) like Lebanon, which was a mountain range in Palestine (#3844). And he also asks that the city folk will flourish like grass of the earth. The *Moffett Bible* renders this part as “*May the folk flourish like trees in Lebanon, may citizens flower like grass in the field*”. So, David’s not only asking that the land flourish, but also the people too. And this can *only* happen when righteous judgment and justice

prevails in the land. And this sounds very much like another song; albeit, it's not stated to be a Psalm of David...

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;
15 To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.
 Ps 92:12-15

In the first part of this Psalm 92, the Psalmist praises our Heavenly Father for His righteousness and points out that, even though the wicked flourish *for a while*, God Almighty will make sure that they are cast down *and* the righteous ones are allowed to flourish, because *He is Judge over all*. And these verses then explain *how* the righteous will flourish; and it's very similar to David's request for how things will flourish in Israel when his 'son' rules. The point being is that *both* mankind *and* the earth itself flourishes *when righteous judgment and justice prevails*. And this is definitely what it'll be like when David's 'greater Son', Jesus Christ, returns to the earth to rule forever more. The wicked *will* be deposed and the righteous ones lifted up to be in authority over the earth (under the guidance of Jesus Christ, Rev 20:4-6). And that's why *everything* will flourish *abundantly* at that time. As the 35th chapter of Isaiah declares, even the deserts shall rejoice and blossom 'as the rose' (vs 1-2) and that's because even the deserts (wildernesses) will have waters flowing through them at that time (vs 6). This will likely happen due to the 'great shaking' that comes from Jesus' return (Isa 13:13, 20:19,21, 24:1-3, 18-19, Hab 2:6-7, 21-22, Heb 12:26-29) that will not only depose the wicked ones but also clean and restore the earth as well (2 Pt 3:10-13). And verse 7 (in Isa 35) even tells us that *the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes*.

And Isaiah 35 also tells us the people too will greatly flourish, for our Heavenly Father (via Jesus Christ) will strengthen them (vs 3) because He has *saved them* from the wicked (vs 4). And *that's* why people's eyes will be opened (even to the truth) and their ears will finally hear (truth) (vs 5). And even our bodies will be healed (vs 6). And there won't be any dangerous animals (nor dangerous people) allowed to roam free (vs 6). And verses 10 even tells us that *the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away*. So, it will be a joyful time for many, but only those who have remained faithful to our Heavenly Father. The wicked ones, and those who are 'workers of iniquity', will not be so happy for Jesus' return (Mth 7:21-23, Isa 2:17-22, Rev 6:14-17). But truly, throughout the thousand years that Jesus rules (until the Great White Throne Judgment) there will be so much truth taught, and justice flourishing, that hopefully many more of God's wayward children will return to Him. Indeed, Isa 54:2 strongly implies this will be the case; for the 'barren woman' (those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ)

will sing aloud (vs 1) and is told that her ‘tent’ *will* be enlarged, which indicates that there indeed *will* be more people saved from spiritual death during the Millenium.

And, Isaiah also tells us that God’s people (the righteous ones) will build houses and plant vineyards and *no one will steal them anymore* (Isa 65:21-22). Our Heavenly Father also promises that they will be nothing that hurts, or destroys, in His holy mountain (Jerusalem, vs 25), which means that Jesus’ government (the Body of Christ) will all be righteous and there will *never again* be wicked people ruling the world again, once Jesus Christ finally returns. That’s why the earth itself (as well as the righteous people) will flourish *so abundantly* at that time. As Ps 37:11 also says, *the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace*. So, while this verse was fulfilled in part, during Solomon’s reign – for Israel did flourish as never before at that time – this verse will be totally fulfilled during the reign of Jesus Christ...

Psalm 72

*17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: **and men shall be blessed in him:** all nations shall call him blessed.*

This is still David, asking our Heavenly Father for things for his son’s rule. And while he is speaking of Solomon, it’s also prophetically speaking of David’s ‘greater Son’, Jesus Christ. The word ‘**name**’ here means an **appellation** (which is an identifying name or title), *as a mark or memorial of individuality* and, by implication, it can also mean **honor, authority, or character** (#8034). And the word ‘**continued**’ means **perpetual** (#5125) while the first word ‘**blessed**’ means **to kneel** or, by implication, **to bless God** (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) **man (as a benefit)** (#1288). And then the second ‘**blessed**’ means **to be straight** (used in the widest sense, especially to be level, right, happy); figuratively, **to go forward, be honest, proper** (#833); and the word ‘**nations**’ means a **foreign nation** (#1471). So, David is simply asking that his son’s name would be forever spoken well of and that he would be a blessing to all nations, as well as that he would always be happy and prosperous. Quite an understandable request from David.

But, when we look at this from a *prophetical* point of view – how it applies to David’s ‘greater Son’, Jesus Christ – then this verse really opens up. Check out what our Heavenly Father promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel...

1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

*3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: **and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.***

Gen 12:1-3

*15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,
16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and
hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:
17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the
heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his
enemies;
18 **And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my
voice.***

Gen 22:15-18

*1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham.
And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.
2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I
shall tell thee of:
3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy
seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy
father;
4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these
countries; **and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;**
5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes,
and my laws.*

Gen 26:1-5

*10 And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.
11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and
he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to
sleep.
12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven:
and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.
13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father,
and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;
14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to
the east, and to the north, and to the south: and **in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of
the earth be blessed.**
15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will
bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have
spoken to thee of.*

Gen 28:10-15

Our Heavenly Father *twice* promised Abraham that “*in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed*” and then He reiterated this promise (and several other promises) to his son, Isaac, and then later to his grandson, Jacob, who God later named Israel (Gen 32:28). And what this boils down to is that, *all* nations on earth would be blessed through the ‘Seed’ that was to come, which is Jesus Christ (as Gal 3:16-29 explains so very well). Indeed, through Jesus Christ’s righteous rule (which will endure forever) will all nations be blessed and Jesus’ name truly *will* endure forever, because *He endures forever* (Rev 1:18-19). So, in this 17th verse, David is essentially asking that God’s unconditional promises be fulfilled *through Solomon* – i.e. that the Messiah (which God promised would come through David’s seed line back in 2 Sam 7) would come through Solomon’s seed line.

However, this was not our Heavenly Father’s will, as Jesus’ ancestry documents. In Luke 3:23 we’re given Mary’s genealogy. And we know it was hers because it says that Jesus, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph” and then gave a genealogy different than Joseph’s real genealogy that is recorded in Mth 1. The word ‘supposed’ in Lk 3:23 means ‘by law’ (#3543), so it was saying that it was Joseph’s ‘in law’s’ genealogy, which means it was his wife, Mary’s, genealogy. Interestingly enough, if you look at Mth 1:6,16 you’ll see that Joseph (Mary’s husband, who was not Jesus’ father) *was descended from Solomon* **but** Jesus Himself actually descended from *another Son of David, Nathan*, as Lk 3:23, 31-32 reveals. 1 Chron 3:5 tells us Nathan was a full blood brother to Solomon, as his mother was also Bath-Sheba. So, while Jesus’ adopted father, Joseph, indeed came from Solomon’s decent, Jesus Christ himself came from Nathan’s decent via His mother, Mary.

Therefore, this 17th verses is truly fulfilled in David’s ‘greater Son’, Jesus Christ. For His name *will* endure forever, just as the sun - and mankind has (and is) ***blessed by Him because He is the Savior of all those who will believe upon him.*** As Peter said (being filled with the Holy Spirit): *Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*** (Acts 4:12). Indeed, Jesus Christ is the Savior for all who accept Him, regardless of their race or gender or where they live. As the Holy Spirit also said, through Peter: *God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him* (Acts 10:34-35). And this is why all nations will bless Jesus Christ; because they too can have salvation (eternal life) when they sincerely accept Him – which means to wholeheartedly repent and follow Jesus Christ faithfully (John 8:31). As Peter wrote in 2 Peter 3:9, our Heavenly Father is *not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*. Jesus also gave us a couple of parables, in Matt 13:44-46, that explain how, while Jesus died to redeem Israel, He also redeemed the entire world in the process. And praise God for that! *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; but we are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus* (Rom 3:23-24) ...

18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

The first part of this verse is very close to the last chapter that closed out the first ‘Genesis Book’ of the Psalms, Ps 41:13 which said: ***Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.*** Of course, there is a bit of a difference. But the word ‘**blessed**’ is the same, which means (in the context of these verses) ***to bless God as an act of adoration*** (#1288). And the word ‘Lord’ in Ps 41:13, and here in vs 18, are both God’s Sacred name, ***Yehovah*** (#3068) which means (the) *self-Existent* or *Eternal*. And the word ‘God’ is also the same, which is ***'Elohiym*** (#430), which means *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*. While ‘Elohim is God as the Creator of all things, Yehovah is the same God in covenant relation to those whom He has created. And the words ‘**wonderous things**’ here means ***to separate***, i.e. ***distinguish*** (literally or figuratively); by implication, ***to be*** (causatively, ***make***) ***great, difficult, wonderful***.

And what ‘wonderous things’ does our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) do that David is referring to here? David is likely referring to the fact that he knew very well (because God had told him) that the Messiah would come *through his seed line*. Thus, while David prayed this for Solomon, he still understood that his ‘greater Son’, Jesus Christ (the Messiah) would fulfill these verses perfectly. Therefore, David is likely speaking of the ‘wonderous things’ that Jesus Christ would do - such as redeeming the world (all nations) through His precious atoning blood (Eph 1:7). And because of that, the wonderful Holy Spirit of God was given to all who believe, and obey, our Heavenly Father (Acts 2:33, 5:32, Eph 1:13-14). So essentially, the ‘wonderous thing(s)’ that God does is *how He saves His children through Jesus Christ* – i.e. it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which was described as the ‘wonderful works of God’ on Pentecost day (Acts 2:11). After all, this (how the Holy Spirit saves our soul) had been a ‘mystery’ (even to the prophets) before the Holy Spirit was given. But this ‘mystery’ (of salvation through Jesus Christ) has now been revealed to all who sincerely accept Jesus Christ (Rom 16:25-26, 1 Cor 2:7-8, Eph 3:3-12). And that *is* truly something to bless (praise) the Lord (YHWH) forever for!

Psalm 72

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

The word ‘**bless**’ here again means (in the context of this verse) ***to bless God as an act of adoration*** (#1288). And the words ‘**glorious**’ and ‘**glory**’ are both the same Hebrew word that means ***weight***, but only figuratively *in a good sense*, and can also mean ***splendor*** or ***copiousness*** (#3519). And then the word ‘**Amen**’ means ***sure, faithfulness*** or, ***truly*** (#543). And again, we see that, just as Ps 41:13 (the last chapter of the ‘Genesis Book’ of the Psalms) ended with a double ‘amen’, so too does this chapter (the last chapter in the ‘Exodus book’ of the Psalms) end with a double AMEN. And David also emphasizes that he desires that the God’s Holy name, *Yehovah*

(vs 18) be blessed *forever*. Why? Because He is totally worthy of it! As Rev 4:11 states: *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.* And chapter five in Revelations also tells us how the ‘Lamb slain’ (who is Jesus Christ) is also worthy of this as well...

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

*9 And they sung a new song, saying, **Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation:***

*10 **And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.***

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

*12 Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb** that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

*13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, **Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.***

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

Rev 5:8-14

So truly, our Heavenly Father – and His Son, Jesus Christ – IS worthy to be blessed (praised) for ever and ever. And truly, the whole earth *will* be filled with His glory for, as Num 14:21 tells us, our Heavenly Father has sworn by His own Holy name, that ***all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.*** As it is written, so it shall come to pass! (Matt 24:29-31, Rev 21:1-8)

Psalm 72

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

The word ‘**prayers**’ here means, by implication, *a hymn* but also means *supplications* (#8605) and the word ‘**ended**’ here means to *complete, prepare, consume* or even *accomplished* (#3615), and the latter is probably the better rendering because *this is not the last Psalm of David that we’ll see in the Psalms.* The *Companion Bible* has an enlightening note on this ‘epilogue’ (concluding section of a musical composition) explaining that: *when this Psalm is realized, all prophesy concerning Israel will be fulfilled*, according to Dan 9:24. So, in essence, this means that – at the time that this Psalm is fulfilled by David’s ‘greater Son’, Jesus Christ (when He returns) - everything in this Psalm (all prophesy concerning Israel) *will be fulfilled*. So, it’s a

beautiful end to a beautiful chapter and also to a beautiful ‘book’ – meaning the ‘Exodus Book’ of the Psalms. And to summarize what it was about, chapters 42-49 spoke of Israel’s ruin, chapters 50-60 spoke of Israel’s Redeemer and chapters 61-72 spoke of Israel’s Redemption. So, this means that, when this Psalm 72 is fulfilled by Jesus Christ’s Second Advent, *Israel will be redeemed*. And truly, so will **all** people of **all** races who wholeheartedly believe in and follow Jesus Christ...

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

*26 And **so all Israel shall be saved**: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Rom 11:25-36 [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Romans/42]

AMEN, AMEN!