

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

## MESSIANIC PSALMS

### Psalm 72

#### INTRODUCTION

What is one “non-negotiable” for your next presidential candidate?

#### OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION.

##### Read Psalm 72:1-11

*Note: Even though this was probably written for Solomon, many of the qualities of this potential king are so idealized that they could only be fulfilled by the Messiah when He rules the New Heaven and the New Earth. Isa 9:6-7; Zech 9:9-10*

1. The entire prayer could be summed up in verse one. How would a king know how to make righteous decisions in accordance with God’s will? 1 Ki 3:9-12
2. What would be the effect of ruling people righteously? Vv 3, 6, 7
3. Who will the king defend? Vs 4 Who will he crush? What class distinctions are made (or not)?
4. How long will he rule? Vv 5-7
5. What will be the boundaries of his kingdom? Vs 8
6. How will his enemies respond to him? Vv 9-11

##### Read Psalm 72:12-20

7. Who are some of the needy and afflicted today that have no one to help them or speak up for them?
8. What makes verse 17 seem like a prophecy about the Second Coming? How does this relate to Abraham? Gen 12:3; 22:18 To Christ? Acts 3:25; Rom 9:4-5

#### APPLICATION

Even though man-made authority has its weaknesses, we are still subject to it. Rom 13:1-3 How does your life reflect God’s authority (rule) over you?

**Matt 7:29** — ... *He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

Sometime, read straight through in your Bible from the prophets to the Gospels. You’ll feel almost jolted by the huge difference between, “thus says the Lord” of the prophets, and “But I say to you,” of Jesus<sup>1</sup>

Not surprisingly, the crowds marvel and contrast Jesus’ teaching with that of the scribes. For them the difference was one of authority. Of course the scribes and Pharisees were religious authorities, but their right to speak was always based on their ability to quote Scripture or subsequent Jewish teachers and tradition. Strikingly, Jesus quotes Scripture in his sermon only to reinterpret it, he cites no human authorities or tradition, and he speaks with directness and confidence that he himself is bringing God’s message for a new era in human history. Such preaching reflects either the height of presumption and heresy or the fact that he was a true spokesman for God, whom we dare not ignore.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Stanley, C. F. (2005). *The Charles F. Stanley life principles Bible: New King James Version* (Mt 7:29). Nashville, TN: Nelson Bibles.

<sup>2</sup> Blomberg, C. (1992). *Matthew* (Vol. 22, pp. 134–135). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.