

“May the king’s rule be refreshing like spring rain on freshly cut grass, like the showers that water the earth. May all the godly flourish during his reign. May there be abundant prosperity until the moon is no more.” Psalms 72:6-7 NLT

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Oh for the longing a of good king, a good leader. There is safety and plenty, joy and good will. Solomon wrote this Psalm. He earlier writes, “Help him to defend the poor, to rescue the children of the needy, and to crush their oppressors.” So it’s not just all consuming on the king, the king’s family and the palace (mostly it is though), there’s a sense that the king is protective, even engaged in the social needs of his care. Justice wasn’t just a big thing in ancient times, it was the only thing people really cared about. In a society that was so dependent on each other, it was extremely important to DO RIGHT by your neighbors, your community. And evil being evil, humans were the same then as now - trying to take advantage of anything they could to get what they wanted. The trick was getting away with it. So a King, a leader who brings justice, balances the whole community back to care and trust, rather than getting, keeping, fighting or defending your own. The poor had NO advocate, the children without parents, the same. But when leaders do their job well, there is not only prosperity, there is protection.

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As leaders, I believe this should still be true today. Whether that’s presidential, kingly, governor or pastor. There should always be a thread of justice, care and protection for the poor, the true widow and the orphaned children.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root