

These three Psalms are the last of ten that anticipate the return to earth of the once rejected King and His orderly establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven upon the earth.

Psalm 99 views Him reigning and righteously governing the whole earth from the Temple in Jerusalem. He harks back to some prominent men of God who had preceded Him as faithful priests representing God's interests in governing His earthly people Israel in times past. He will do the same. Jehovah's (the LORD's) accessibility and patience remain unchanged, as is His forgiveness (and His vengeance when necessary).

Psalm 100 is so familiar because of its universal celebration of the glory of the Lord as the reigning Shepherd King forever. How we yearn for those days. Even though we will not be earthlings then we will truly rejoice as a wife with Him when her Husband receives His rightful glory and honor and power over the earth. And we will reign with Him.

Psalm 101 reveals the private thoughts of the newly crowned King after His coronation. He affirms the standards and values He will adhere to in His reign and dedicates Himself to faithfully carry out His God given duties.

Now for some more details.

Psalm 99

The first words give the setting and set the tone. The Lord reigns! Tremble people!. Be moved Earth! Who is this? Who dares sit between the cherubim, the great living creatures that support Jehovah's chariot throne pictured in Ezekiel? They protect His throne and carry out His commands and judgements without question or hesitation. Jehovah first dwelt in the midst of Israel in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. Then He was in Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem, until He left the nation to judgement at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, Ezekiel 10; 11:22,23. God dwelt between the cherubim on the Ark in the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and the Temple. Men went to inquire of Jehovah there. He spoke to them there.

Exodus 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

In this Psalm, set in the future, there is a Man sitting there. It is the Man, Jesus Christ, rejected, unjustly condemned, crucified, buried, risen, ascended, seated at God's right hand, soon on earth sitting between the Cherubim, the guarded place reserved for God. He is Jehovah! The only Man worthy of exaltation by humans. They are all called to worship at His footstool., for He is Holy!

His predecessors are well known leaders of Israel who communicated directly with God Himself, Moses and Aaron, and Samuel. Note they were priests, not kings nor

prophets, though they judged and prophesied. The priestly function is to intervene between God and man, bringing man's worship, thanksgiving and inquiries to God, and God's messages and responses to them, Malachi 2:7. This Man, Jesus, reigning on the throne of Israel will fulfill that function and administer God's will on earth in the future day. He will hear and judge perfectly, either forgiving or taking vengeance upon the deserving. Righteousness will reign.

Psalm 100

This Psalm celebrates the future coronation of the King. Earth's inhabitants will shout for joy. All nations will participate. Now all mankind will go about their original purpose for being; serving God their Creator. Serving, not just a God "way up there," or even an ascended Lord, but One here on earth IN PERSON. The One who has made us. Man will finally realize and recognize God as the one who made us, NOT WE OURSELVES! How difficult it is for men to come to this point in their thinking. How obvious! How profound! How humbling! Even Christians forget this or fail to realize the subtle ways the human heart finds to exert its preeminence.

But this King is a Shepherd King who will faithfully care for His own here on earth. All humans will be blessed sheep of His pasture. Yes, they will live for Him. They will rejoice on the worldwide holidays when they are invited to "enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Note there are no prayer requests mentioned. God so good that all is anticipated and provided. So all will be content offering thanksgiving and blessing from thankful hearts blessing His Name. Yes, even created beings can "bless" (make happy) God. Yet there is need of mercy even in these ideal earthly conditions. That mercy will endure for all generations, the children of the first inhabitants of this golden age will have many more generations, all benefitting from the continuing goodness and mercy of Jehovah upon earth's throne. They will need mercy.

Psalm 101

This Psalm seems to give us a remarkable peek behind the scenes after the public ceremonies of the coronation are over. I suppose it is a little like the evening after the inauguration of the new President in the United States. He is home taking off His bow tie and formal wear and suddenly begins to realize the tremendous responsibilities that he has taken on. He makes some resolutions regarding his term in office, his selection of appointees and ethical standards for his administration. He will mentally list important policies for his government and top programs for the well being of the citizens of his country. So also David did when he finally was crowned king of Israel after Saul's death. This Psalm probably gives

king David's thoughts after his coronation. But this Psalm seems to also project forward to Another's crown, the coronation of the Lord Jesus Christ So Jesus will (as the perfect Man of God) reflect upon His agenda. As God, He knows it well. As Son He knows it well As Man He will acknowledge and embrace it as His own and resolve to carry it out faithfully, judiciously and uprightly. So, through David as it were, He lists some things that must characterize His Kingdom if He is to successfully bring in and maintain righteousness, peace and justice upon earth and deliver the kingdom back to God His Father at the end., 1Corinthians 15:24-28.

But first He will pray, as He had done the first time He was here on earth. He will sing!!! Not a customary thing for Him the first walk here. He will sing a song outlining the features of the new government He will form. Sing policy? Yes, only David and Jesus would do that! He will sing of incorruptible government, dedication, law and order and of His ultimate purging the wicked from off the earth. Will He succeed? Watch and see. We will watch, for we will be His wife then.

* 1. He will sing of mercy (lovingkindness) and judgement two essential features of God's government. And He will sing psalms to Jehovah. (JND)

Then He will sing His resolutions, verse by verse:

* 2a. That His personal behavior will be both wise and above reproach.

* 2b.As a Man of God He will yearn for God to come to Him. He will need His Father's favor and company as He rules. We also need God's counsel to succeed in what ever He gives us to do.

* 2c.To walk in His house, (also family, household, his court) with a perfect heart (in integrity of heart). David failed in this in multiplying wives and not disciplining his children.

* 3a. To set no wicked thing before His eyes. David failed in this particularly in the matter of Bathsheba.

* 3b. To hate the work of them that turn aside; them that stumble others or cause them to veer off the path of godliness.

* 3c. That wickedness in others will not affect Him, nor will they blame Him for it.

* 4a. "A froward (perverse) heart shall depart from me:" His integrity will be such that no one with a perverse heart will dare approach Him.

* 4b."To not know evil" (NKJ)

---Then He sets down moral principles for His citizens.--

* 5a. Slanderers will be cut off. They will be removed from the earth through death. Since the final resurrection will have already taken place these will go on to judgement before Him at the Great White Throne.

*5b. A haughty look and pride will not be tolerated. (Will they be cut off also, or simply not allowed a place in His administration?)

*6a. He will observe the walk of each of His citizens and the faithful of the land will dwell with Him and those that walk in a perfect way will be called to serve Him. There will be the possibility of some refusing to be faithful to the King and walk perfectly before Him despite the ideal living conditions they were born into. They cannot blame unfavorable circumstance for their lack of gratitude. But children will all be born with sinful hearts then just as they are now.

*7. On the other hand, deceivers and liars will not be allowed any place in His house or in His sight.

*8, The wicked will not be allowed to work their wicked works in His kingdom. Every morning He will clean the wicked out of His City (Jerusalem) and His Land. (I presume the Land of Israel, not the whole earth.) Those who are "smart" enough to avoid carrying out the urges of their sinful hearts will feign obedience and sneak away to hide in far distant lands until the end of His 1000 year reign when He will root out all the wicked on the earth and send them to eternal judgement, Revelation 21. Rooting them out will be easy for He will simply loose Satan to gather them and lead the open rebellion. Fire from Heaven will do the rest! The King and His subjects will just watch as God in heaven vindicates Him. Then there will be a New Heaven and a New Earth wherein dwells righteousness. No King will be necessary then. God will comfortably "tabernacle" there among men. See 2Peter 3:9-13 and Revelation 21:1-8.

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Hail to the Lord's anointed!
Great David's greater Son:
When to the time appointed
The rolling years shall run,
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

The heavens--which now conceal Him
In counsels deep and wise--
In glory shall reveal Him
To our adoring eyes;

He who with hands uplifted
Went from the earth below,
Shall come again all gifted,
His blessings to bestow.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the new-mown grass,
And joy and hope, like flowers,
Spring up where He doth pass.
Before Him, on the mountains,
Shall Peace, the herald go;
And righteousness, in fountains,
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before Him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing,
Outstretched His wide dominion
O'er river, sea, and shore,
Far as the eagle's pinion,
Or dove's light wing can soar.

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#16 Hymns of Grace and Truth
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