
Sermon Text Discussion Notes 7/28/2019

Psalm 72 – “The Ultimate King” by Nicholas Piotrowski

Overview

Psalm 72 is David’s prayer that his son Solomon would rule in such a way as to restore God’s blessing over the whole earth as it was in Eden. It is fulfilled in the risen Christ Jesus.

Quotations

“As goes the leader, so go the people.” Nicholas Piotrowski

“Matthew 1:1 is perhaps the most thrilling sentence in all of literature.” Nicholas Piotrowski

Understanding & Application

- 1) Discuss ways in which you have seen culture develop but without fundamental change in light of Genesis 1:26 and Genesis 3:6. In what ways do you see culture being made to serve ourselves rather than God?
- 2) How can Genesis 3:15 be considered the first announcement of the gospel? What do you think Eve was thinking in Genesis 4:1? In Genesis 4:25?
- 3) Read God’s covenant with David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16. In light of Genesis 3:15, what do you think David was thinking? Read Psalm 72 again in this light.
- 4) If you have time, read Psalm 89:19-37 noticing how it intertwines the covenant of 2 Samuel 7:12-16 with the prayer of Psalm 72. Read Psalm 89:38-45 for the reality of the psalmist’s day. Read Psalm 89:46-51 remembering Taylor Sutton’s sermon last week on Psalm 13. What deeply distresses the writer of Psalm 89? How did he bring his pain to God? How did he plead with God?
- 5) Several hundred years passed between the writing of Psalm 89 and Matthew’s Gospel. Read Matthew 1:1, and discuss Dr. Piotrowski’s claim that it may be the most thrilling sentence in all of literature.
- 6) How is Genesis 3:15 fulfilled in Jesus’s death and resurrection? Why was his death necessary?
- 7) Read Matthew 28:18-20. How was Psalm 72 fulfilled when God raised Jesus from the dead? How does the church fit into the picture? (Consider reading Romans 16:20.) What does this imply about the calling of Zionsville Fellowship? What do you need to do to contribute to that calling?