



Worship  
IN EVERY  
Key

THE PSALMS SPEAK.  
WILL YOU LISTEN?

WEEK SIX  
DEVOTIONAL



## Go to Worship



### Focus:

This week we explore royal and messianic psalms. In worship, we look at Psalms 2, 45, 72, and 110—songs of coronation, justice, and divine authority. These psalms helped shape Israel's hope for a righteous king—and ultimately point to Jesus.



### Guiding Prompt:

What kind of leadership does the world long for—and what kind of King has God given us?

## Psalm 2



### Guiding Question:

Where do I place my trust when the world feels unstable?

### Psalm 2 (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire,  
and the peoples plot in vain?
- <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,
- <sup>3</sup> "Let us burst their bonds asunder,  
and cast their cords from us."
- <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord has them in derision.
- <sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- <sup>6</sup> "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."
- <sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree of the Lord:  
He said to me, "You are my son;  
today I have begotten you.
- <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- <sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron,  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- <sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear,  
with trembling <sup>12</sup> kiss his feet,  
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Happy are all who take refuge in him.



### Closing Prayer:

Jesus, even when the world shakes—your throne doesn't. Be the King I trust today.

## Psalm 45



### Guiding Question:

What does true beauty and strength look like in God's kingdom?

### Psalm 45 (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> My heart overflows with a goodly theme;  
I address my verses to the king;  
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
- <sup>2</sup> You are the most handsome of men;  
grace is poured upon your lips;  
therefore God has blessed you forever.
- <sup>3</sup> Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,  
in your glory and majesty.
- <sup>4</sup> In your majesty ride on victoriously  
for the cause of truth and to defend the right;  
let your right hand teach you dread deeds.
- <sup>6</sup> Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.  
Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;
- <sup>7</sup> you love righteousness and hate wickedness.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
- <sup>8</sup> your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.  
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad.
- <sup>13</sup> The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;  
<sup>14</sup> in many-colored robes she is led to the king;  
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.
- <sup>15</sup> With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.
- <sup>17</sup> I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;  
therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.



### Closing Prayer:

Anointed King, may your beauty be seen in justice, humility, and joy.

## Psalm 72



### Guiding Question:

What would it look like for power to serve the vulnerable?

### Psalm 72 (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- <sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.
- <sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- <sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- <sup>8</sup> May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> May his foes bow down before him,  
and his enemies lick the dust.
- <sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
- <sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.
- <sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.
- <sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

- 15 Long may he live!  
May gold of Sheba be given to him.  
May prayer be made for him continually,  
and blessings invoked for him all day long.
- 16 May there be abundance of grain in the land;  
may it wave on the tops of the mountains;  
may its fruit be like Lebanon;  
and may people blossom in the cities  
like the grass of the field.
- 17 May his name endure forever,  
his fame continue as long as the sun.  
May all nations be blessed in him;  
may they pronounce him happy.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.
- 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
may his glory fill the whole earth.  
Amen and Amen.
- 20 The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.



### Closing Prayer:

Lord, give us leaders like this—who love justice, protect the weak, and bless the world.

## Psalm 110



### Guiding Question:

What does it mean that Jesus reigns as both King and Priest?

### Psalm 110 (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord says to my lord,  
“Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord sends out from Zion  
your mighty scepter.  
Rule in the midst of your foes.
- <sup>3</sup> Your people will offer themselves willingly  
on the day you lead your forces  
on the holy mountains.  
From the womb of the morning,  
like dew, your youth will come to you.
- <sup>4</sup> The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,  
“You are a priest forever according to the order of  
Melchizedek.”
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- <sup>6</sup> He will execute judgment among the nations,  
filling them with corpses;  
he will shatter heads  
over the wide earth.
- <sup>7</sup> He will drink from the stream by the path;  
therefore he will lift up his head.



### Closing Prayer:

Jesus, rule with strength and mercy—King above all  
kings, Priest forever for us

## Psalm 20



### Guiding Question:

When trouble comes, where do we place our hope?

### Psalm 20 (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!  
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- <sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary,  
and give you support from Zion.
- <sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings,  
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. Selah
- <sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire,  
and fulfill all your plans.
- <sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your victory,  
and in the name of our God set up our banners.  
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.
- <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven  
with mighty victories by his right hand.
- <sup>7</sup> Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,  
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.
- <sup>8</sup> They will collapse and fall,  
but we shall rise and stand upright.
- <sup>9</sup> Give victory to the king, O Lord;  
answer us when we call.



### Closing Prayer:

Lord, not in strength or strategy—but in your name alone, we place our hope.

## Psalm 132



### Guiding Question:

How is God still keeping his promises through the line of David?

### Psalm 132 (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, remember in David's favor  
all the hardships he endured;
- <sup>2</sup> how he swore to the Lord  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
- <sup>3</sup> "I will not enter my house  
or get into my bed;
- <sup>4</sup> I will not give sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,
- <sup>5</sup> until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- <sup>6</sup> We heard of it in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
- <sup>7</sup> "Let us go to his dwelling place;  
let us worship at his footstool."
- <sup>8</sup> Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place,  
you and the ark of your might.
- <sup>9</sup> Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,  
and let your faithful shout for joy.
- <sup>10</sup> For your servant David's sake  
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord swore to David a sure oath  
from which he will not turn back:  
"One of the sons of your body  
I will set on your throne.
- <sup>12</sup> If your sons keep my covenant  
and my decrees that I shall teach them,  
their sons also, forevermore,  
shall sit on your throne."
- <sup>13</sup> For the Lord has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his habitation:
- <sup>14</sup> "This is my resting place forever;  
here I will reside, for I have desired it.

- <sup>15</sup> I will abundantly bless its provisions;  
I will satisfy its poor with bread.
- <sup>16</sup> Its priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and its faithful will shout for joy.
- <sup>17</sup> There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David;  
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.
- <sup>18</sup> His enemies I will clothe with disgrace,  
but on him, his crown will gleam."



### Closing Prayer:

Faithful God, thank you for keeping your promise to David—and for crowning Jesus with glory that never fades.

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