JPS [Online]

Endow the King with Your Justice

(1 Kings 3:1–15; 2 Chronicles 1:1–13; Psalm 45:1–17)

¹[A Psalm] of Solomon. Give the king Thy judgments, O God, And Thy righteousness unto the king's son;

²That he may judge Thy people with righteousness, And Thy poor with justice.

³Let the mountains bear peace to the people, And the hills, through righteousness.

⁴May he judge the poor of the people, And save the children of the needy, And crush the oppressor.

⁵They shall fear Thee while the sun endureth, And so long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, As showers that water the earth.

⁷In his days let the righteous flourish, And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.

⁸May he have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River unto the ends of the earth.

⁹Let them that dwell in the wilderness bow before him; And his enemies lick the dust.

¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render tribute; The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

¹¹Yea, all kings shall prostrate themselves before him; All nations shall serve him.

¹²For he will deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

¹³He will have pity on the poor and needy, And the souls of the needy he will save.

¹⁴He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence, And precious will their blood be in his sight.

¹⁵That they may live, and that he may give them of the gold of Sheba, That they may pray for him continually, Yea, bless him all the day.

¹⁶May he be as a rich cornfield in the land upon the top of the mountains; May his fruit rustle like Lebanon; And may they blossom out of the city like grass of the earth.

¹⁷May his name endure for ever; May his name be continued as long as the sun; May men also bless themselves by him; May all nations call him happy.

18Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things;

¹⁹And blessed be His glorious name for ever; And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.

²⁰The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.