

I. Introduction. v. 1a

- A. David anticipates the advent of Jesus Christ.
- B. These are David's last words (or are they?). v. 1a I Kings 2:1ff Dt. 33:1ff Josh. 23:1ff Gen. 49:1ff II Ti. 4:6-8
- C. Application: Make use of the opportunity to speak for the Lord when you see that your life is coming to a close.

II. David looks forward to the coming of the Messiah. v. 1-7

- A. David's fourfold self description. v. 1b
 - 1. The son of Jesse – what he was naturally. I Sam. 16:11ff 17:28
 - 2. The man who was raised up on high. 7:18 22:44bff I Sam. 18:7 Ps. 78:70-72
 - 3. The anointed of the God of Jacob. 22:51 I Sam. 16:12-13 2:10 Dt. 17:15
 - 4. The sweet Psalmist of Israel. I Sam. 16:18,23 Amos 6:5
 - 5. We too have been exalted and blessed by the LORD. I Pe. 2:9-10 II Co. 1:21-22
- B. David's divine inspiration. v. 2-3a
 - 1. David is also a prophet -- His words are God's words. Acts 2:29-31 1:16 Dt. 18:18
 - 2. David's experience is a paradigm of how our Trinitarian God speaks through human authors to give us His Word in Scripture. Mt. 22:32 II Pe. 1:21 II Ti. 3:16
 - 3. Should we expect to receive such inspiration? Dt. 18:18ff Heb. 1:1ff Eph. 2:20
 - 4. God's Word is unique and worthy of our utmost respect.
 - 5. Because this is the Word of God, what is promised concerning the future King is absolutely certain!
- C. David anticipates a future King – the Messiah. v. 3b-7
 - 1. He will rule righteously in the fear of God. v. 3b Is. 11:1-5 Ps. 72:1-4,12-14 Pr. 1:7
 - 2. This king will bring great blessing to His subjects. v. 4 Ps. 72:1,6-8 Isa. 66:14
 - 3. He will come in fulfillment of God's everlasting covenant with David's house. v. 5 7:11ff 22:51 Gen. 17:7,13 Ex. 31:16 Ps. 89:28ff Isa. 55:3 Ezek. 37:26
 - 4. He will judge those who defy the LORD. v. 6-7 22:41ff Ps. 2:1ff 110:1ff Ge. 3:18 Isa. 27:4 Jer. 12:13
 - 5. King David serves as a model for all those in authority.

III. The righteous messianic King Whom David anticipated has come!

- A. For centuries God's people eagerly awaited the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant and its prophecy of a Messiah.
 - 1. God promised that a descendant of David would reign in righteousness forever. 7:15-16 23:3b,5
 - 2. Future generations relied upon this promise. Is. 9:6-7 16:5 22:22 55:3 Zech. 13:1 Jer. 23:5-6 30:9 33:15-17 Ezek. 34:23-24 37:24-25 Hos. 3:5 Amos 9:11 Mic. 5:2
- B. Jesus is the anticipated Son of David. Acts 2:25ff 13:22-23,34ff 15:16
 - 1. He descended from David and was born in the city of David. Mt. 1:1,20 Luke 1:27,32,69 2:4,11 3:31 Rom. 1:3 II Tim. 2:8 Rev. 5:5
 - 2. During His ministry He is recognized and praised as David's son. Mt. 9:27 12:23 15:22 20:30-31 21:15
 - 3. He declares Himself to be the Son of David. Mt. 22:42ff Rev. 22:16

- C. Jesus Christ infinitely surpasses David's greatness. v. 1b-3a Mt. 22:43-46 Ps. 89:19f
1. He is exalted from a lowly earthly beginning. v. 1b Lu. 2:7 Phil. 2:5ff Is. 52:13ff
 2. He was anointed by the Holy Spirit. v. 1b Luke 4:18 Acts 4:27 10:38 Heb. 1:9b
 3. He is the true Anointed One (Messiah) -- the supreme Prophet, Priest and King. v. 1b-2 Jo. 18:37 19:23 Lu. 4:24 13:33 24:19 Acts 3:22 Dt. 18:18 He. 3:1 4:14ff
 4. He is the Word Who reveals God. John 1:1,18 Heb. 1:1ff
- D. Christ is the perfect Ruler. v. 3b-7 Heb. 1:9a Jer. 33:15
1. He fulfills the yearning of God's people for a righteous king. v. 3b Ps. 72:1-4,8-15 Jer. 23:5 33:15 Isa. 11:1-5
 2. He brings blessing and prosperity to His people forever in fulfillment of God's covenant promise. v. 4-5 7:12-16 Isa. 9:2-3 44:3-4 4:2 Ps. 72:5-7,16-17 89:28-29
 3. He destroys God's enemies with fire. v. 6-7 Mt. 13:30,40-42 Lu. 3:17 19:27 Ps. 2:9 John 15:6 Heb. 6:8 I Jo. 3:18 Rev. 19:20 21:8 Isa. 66:24 II Thess. 1:7ff
 4. He is our hope and our comfort.

IV. Concluding applications.

- A. It is a great blessing to face death with a hopeful anticipation for the future!
1. Though David was near death, he was optimistic: looking forward to the advent of Christ (Christmas).
 2. Do you enjoy a hope which goes beyond this life?
 3. The meaning of Christmas is not merely a miraculous birth, but a Savior. Luke 2:11 Mt. 1:21
- B. What will your legacy be?

Discussion questions

1. In what sense can we say that this text shows that David was looking forward to Christmas?
2. What is the significance of someone's last words?
3. How does David describe himself in this Psalm?
4. What do we learn about the inspiration of Scripture from this passage?
5. How does David show how those who are approaching death can find comfort?
6. How can this passage be applied to those who are in authority?
7. How does Jesus surpass David in His Person? v. 1-3a
8. How does Jesus fulfill Israel's expectation for a King? v. 3b-7
9. If you knew that you were going to die soon, what would your last words be?