PRAYING PSALM 72

"Yes, all the kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him" (Psalm 72:11).

This is a messianic psalm, although it is not quoted in the New Testament. Its historical basis was the reign of Solomon, whose reign prefigured Christ's kingdom. 1. A RIGHTEOUS REIGN (1-4). He will judge God's people with righteousness and the poor with justice. 2. A UNIVERSAL REIGN (5-11). He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. All kings shall fall down before Him. All nations shall serve Him. 3. A COMPASSIONATE REIGN (12-14). He will deliver the needy. He will spare the poor. He will redeem their life from oppression. 4. A PROSPEROUS REIGN (15-17). The gold of Sheba shall be given to Him. There will be abundance in the earth. All nations shall call Him blessed. 5. A GLORIOUS REIGN (18-20). The whole earth will be filled with His glory.

This is an anticipatory prayer. It takes us to our future reign with Christ in the Millennium. You can thank God for your future reward. That is different than thanking Him for your salvation. During Christ's future reign on earth you will enjoy rewards of your service now. You can thank Him for the gold, silver, and precious stones which describe your kingdom rewards (I Corinthians 3:11-15).