

NICENE Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

<This Week>

8/11	Service I	9:30-10:30 (Japanese)
	Communion	10:30-45
	Service II	11:00-12:30 (Japanese and English / Kid's Mini Church)

(8/16 **NO PAWS**)

<Coming Week>

8/18	Service I	9:30-10:30 (Japanese)
	Service II	11:00-12:30 (Japanese and English / Kid's Mini Church)

8/23	PAWS	20:00-21:00
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<Next Communion> **9/1 10:30**

<Meetings> (For more info and schedule, please talk to the leaders)

- ❖ **Mini-Church** (Small gathering with a friendly and warm atmosphere)
- ❖ **New Life Class** (First Step to follower's life)
- ❖ **Covenant Class** (Membership Class)

<Offering> Our operating cost is covered by members' spontaneous offerings.

We believe that offering is a part of worship and it's a responsibility of each believer (Malachi 3:10). It also says, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (II Cor. 9:6-7)." We don't pass around the offering basket since we don't want anyone who is not able to give for some reason to feel pressure or awkward (especially for visitors). We also would like everyone to do it spontaneously. Please put the offerings in the box on the counter.

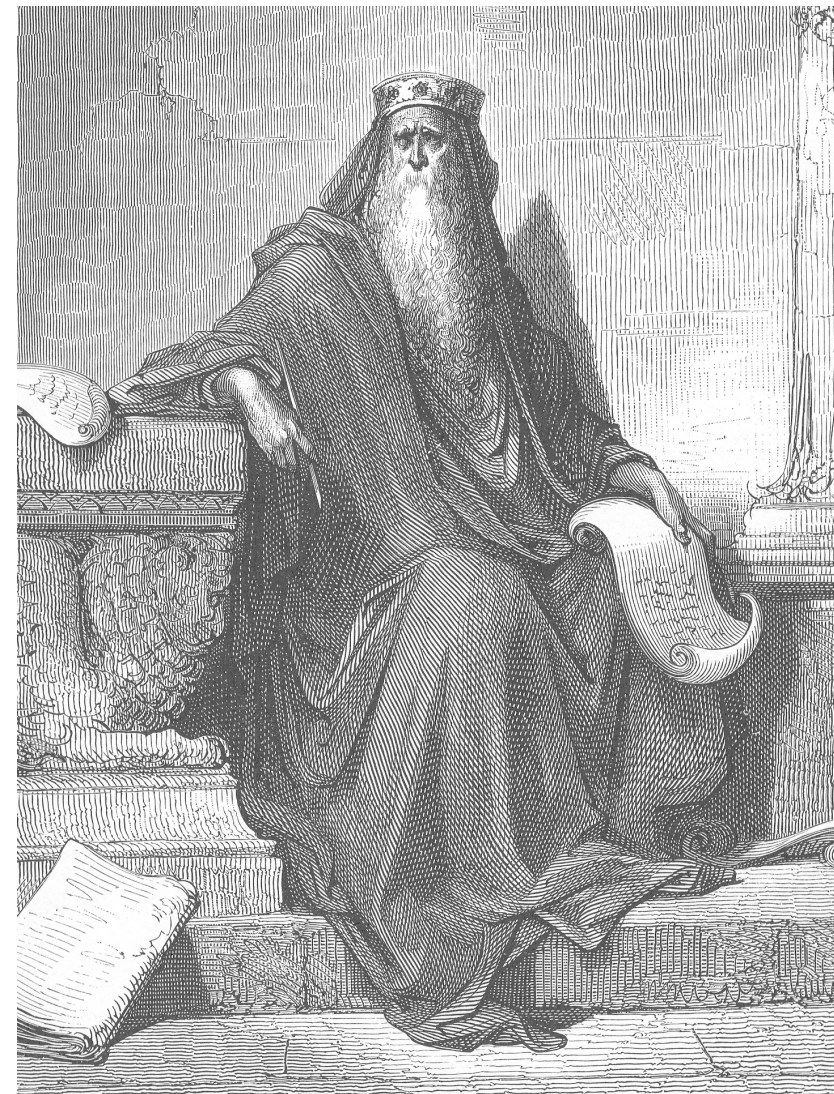
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King Solomon in Old Age (1Kings 4:29-34) Gustave Doré [Public domain]

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Beyond the Limitations of King Solomon

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A. Even great kings have limitations

1. The king's conscience (1-7, 12-14)

2. Power leads to corruption (8-11)

B. God, the king of all (15-20)

1. Jesus, the perfect king

2. The joy of following Jesus

Summary

No matter how intelligent or kind someone is, they cannot escape the human tendency to cause pain and suffering. Even reformers who are driven by ideals and a strong sense of justice can become brutal dictators when they experience power. We believe and follow Jesus, the only king in all of history who has never caused pain or suffering, but brings peace and joy to all.

For Discussion

- 1) What were Solomon and David's strengths and weaknesses?
- 2) In what way is Jesus the perfect king?

0 Of Solomon.

- 1 Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.
- 2 He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.
- 3 The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.
- 4 He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.
- 5 He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.
- 6 He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.
- 7 In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.
- 8 He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.
- 11 All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.
- 12 For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.
- 13 He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.
- 14 He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him. May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.
- 16 Let grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of the hills may it sway. Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon; let it thrive like the grass of the field.
- 17 May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.
- 18 Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.
- 19 Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.
- 20 This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse.

ソロモン王の限界を超えて

永原アンディ

A. どんなに優れた王にも限界がある

1. 王の良心 (1-7, 12-14)

2. 腐敗しない権力はない (8-11)

B. すべての者の王である神 (15-20)

1. 完全な王、イエス

2. イエスに従って生きる幸せ

メッセージのポイント

どんなに優れた知性と優しい心を持っていたとしても、人を苦しめ悲しませてしまいう利己心がない人はいません。正義の理想に燃えた革命家も権力を持つとやがて冷酷な独裁者になってしまいます。私たちはこの歴史の中でただ一人だけ、誰一人傷付けず悲しませず、平和と喜びを与える王として、イエスを信じ、彼に従って生きているのです。

話し合いのために

- 1) ソロモン(ダビデ)王の弱点(優れた点)はどんなところですか？
- 2) イエスはどのような意味で完全な王なのでしょう？

1 ソロモンの詩。 神よ、あなたの公正を王に あなたの正義を王の子にお授けください。
2 彼が正義によってあなたの民を 公正によって苦しむ人を裁きますように。
3 山々が民に平和を 丘が正義をもたらしますように。
4 王が民の中の苦しむ人を裁き 貧しい人の子らを救い 虐げる者を砕きますように。
5 王が、太陽と月のあるかぎり 代々にわたってあなたを畏れますように。
6 王が、刈り入れ後の牧草に降る雨のように 地を潤す豊かな雨のようになりますように。
7 王の治世に正しき人が栄え 月の失われるときまで平和が豊かにありますように。

8 海から海まで、川から地の果てまで 王が支配しますように。
9 砂漠に住む者が王の前に身を屈め 敵が塵をなめますように。
10 タルシシュと島々の王たちは献げ物を携え シェバやセバの王たちが貢ぎ物を納めますように。
11 すべての王が彼の前にひれ伏し すべての国が彼に仕えますように。

12 王が、叫び声を上げる乏しい人を 助ける者もない苦しむ人を救い出しますように。
13 弱い人、貧しい人を憐れみ 貧しい人の命を救い
14 虐げと暴力からその命を贖い 王の目にその人たちの血が 貴いものがありますように。

15 王が命を得、シェバの黄金を受けますように。人々が王のために絶えず祈り 日夜、王を祝福しますように
16 地には一面の麦 その実りはレバノンのように 山々の頂まで豊かに波打ち 町には人が地の青草のように栄えますように。
17 王の名がとこしえに続き その名が太陽のある限り栄えますように。すべての国民が彼によって祝福を受け 彼を幸いな人と呼びますように。
18 神である主をたたえよ イスラエルの神を ただひとり奇しき業を行う方を。
19 栄光に輝く主の名をとこしえにたたえよ 栄光が全地を満たしますように。アーメン、アーメン。
20 エッサイの子ダビデの祈りの終り。