Sermon Notes **Providence Community Church**

3-8-20 Ken Carlton . **Title:** MIRROR FOR MAGISTRATES

Main Text: Psalm 101 --worship text: Psalm 85--

Aim: TO PROCLAIM STANDARDS BY WHICH EVERY KING IS MEASURED AND THE KING OF KINGS IS IDENTIFIED ...

Sermon Description: William Binnie writes concerning Psalm 101: "This is the Psalm which the old expositors used to designate "the Mirror for Magistrates" and an excellent mirror it is. It would mightily accelerate the coming of the time when every nation shall be Christ's possession and every capital a "City of the Lord", if all magistrates could be persuaded to dress themselves by it every time they go forth to perform the functions of their God-like office." Psalm 101 is a votive royal Psalm of David. Arthur Stanley remarks how Ps 101 was beloved by important figures through history from Russian princes like Vladimir Monomachos to English reformers like Nicholas Ridley. He writes: "It is full of stern elusiveness, of a noble intolerance, not of theological error, uncourtly manners, or political insubordination, but against the proud heart, high look, the secret slanderer, the deceitful worker, the teller of lies. These are the outlaws from king David's court." In contrast to King Saul who preceded him, David resolves to uphold righteousness and to restore honor to the society. Ps 101 emphasizes the relationship between leadership and personal integrity. This Psalm stands in condemnation of our current political order and the moral standards of our statesmen these days. We must send Psalm 101 to our leaders via proclamation and prayer. The royal application of Ps 101 is a given, but it should be further noted that every believer is called to rule and reign with Christ, and as such, the principles of Ps 101 should be taken to heart by believers in every station of life, recognizing these ideals are perfectly embodied in the greatest king – Jesus Christ the Son of David.

Heading: THE KING (dominion agent) MUST GIVE AN ACCOUNT FOR...

1. HIS PERSONAL AFFECTIONS (Psalm 101:1-4)

a. Expressions of worship (Dan 4:34-37) b. Meditations of the soul (Deut 17:18-19) c. Ambitions of the heart

2. HIS JUDGEMENTS (5-6)

a. Punitive judgements b. Charitable judgements (II Sam 9:3)

3. HIS JURISDICTIONS (7-8)

a. Household (I Tim 3:4-5) b. The Lord's city c. The model King

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FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Affections	Judgements	Jurisdictions	Historical context	N.T. application	Next Week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:

Ps 101:1-4	5-6	7-8	Dan 4	I Tim 3:4-12	Romans 4