

morning sun in a cloudless sky, after a night of misrule, and like the green grass lustrous after rain, The equity and justice of David's rule were all of God, who had made covenant with him, a covenant which would be surely fulfilled. The severity of his dealing with the wicked was necessary, just as necessary as that of the husbandman who would get rid of thorns.

Some there are who view the poem as by a later hand, and, though written in his name, expressing the exalted view which the nation had of him, and his rule. This would meet the difficulty one feels in having David speak of himself as "The joy of Israel's psalter." The song is in harmony with many other parts of Scripture, which speak approvingly of the gracious and righteous rule of David, and in fact created him the royal content of the blessed messianic hope of the people. These passages all find their satisfaction in Christ, who came as

"One ruling o'er men in righteousness,
Ruling in fear of God."

David the speaker.

1. David, son of Jesse, saith,
Saith the man exalted,
The ancient one of Jacob's God,
The joy of Israel's psalter.

His Inspiration.

2. The Spirit of Yahweh spake in me,
On my tongue is his word,
3. Which God of Israel spake to me,
The Rock of Israel told.