

THE LORD REIGNS – PSALM 93:1-5

INTRODUCTION

1. In our last study of the Psalms, we considered Psalm 92 which said, “*but you, O Lord, are on high forever.*” (**Psalm 92:8, ESV**)
2. But what does that mean?
3. How is God exalted?
4. The answer is expounded in a series of psalms that begins here in Psalm 93 and runs through Psalm 99 which explores God’s rule as King over all the earth.
5. As we consider this psalm let us reflect on the question, “Does the Lord rule in my life?”

DISCUSSION

- I. **GOD’S SOVEREIGN REIGN (PSALM 93:1-2)**
 - A. The very first thing the psalmist says is that the Lord is King (**Ps. 93:1**).
 - B. In these first two verses the psalmist speaks about the nature of God’s reign.
 - C. He speaks about the majesty of God (**Ps. 93:1**).
 - i. When we think about kings, we often think about them being clothed in lavish garments.
 - ii. Here the psalmist pictures God being “robed” in majesty.
 - iii. This “is the dignity, the illustriousness, the glorious reputation he has earned through the deeds that will soon be rehearsed”¹ (**Isa. 6:1-4**).
 - iv. As Isaiah shows us, the majesty of God is something that inspires awe and reverence.
 - D. He speaks about the power of God.
 - i. When we think about kings and their armor and weapons, we envision helmets, swords, and shields.
 - ii. But here the psalmist says God is armed or girded with “strength” (**Ps. 65:6; cp. Eph. 6:14**).
 - E. God’s sovereignty, majesty, and power are not just for show.
 - F. Because of God’s majesty and power, because of His reign, the psalmist says the world is established and stable (**Rom. 1:20; 2 Pet. 3:5-7; Gen. 1:6-10; 8:22**).
 - G. This leads to another quality about God’s reign.
 - H. The psalmist says God is immutable or unchanging (**Ps. 93:2**).
 - i. This is something that sets God apart from all He has created.
 - ii. All around we see the effects of time and decay as the world around us and the universe are winding down.
 - iii. Human emotions and behavior are fickle (**Jude 12-13; John 12:13; 19:15**).
 - iv. Amid all this change, it is good to know that God is always good, and He will reign and rule forever (**1 John 4:8; James 1:17; Heb. 13:8**).
 - I. In fact, God is eternal, and His reign is eternal and that is good news for those who put their trust and hope in Him (**Gen. 21:33; Ps. 90:1-2; Rev. 21:6**).
 - J. Do we acknowledge and rejoice in the reality that our Lord reigns (**Phil. 2:1-11**)?

¹ Futato, M. D. (2009). [The Book of Psalms](#). In *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary, Vol 7: The Book of Psalms, The Book of Proverbs* (p. 302). Tyndale House Publishers.

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II. THE TURMOIL OF THE WORLD (PSALM 93:3-4)

- A. Now in the second stanza, the psalmist rehearses the great deeds that demonstrate the power and majesty of God's reign (**Ps. 93:3-4**).
- B. So often in the psalms it is the "nations" and the enemies of Israel and her king that rage like the seas and the storms.
- C. The psalmists cry out to God to rise and defend His people and vanquish Israel's enemies.
- D. But here it isn't the nations that rage, but the "floods" and the "waves" of the sea.
- E. In the Ancient Near East, many of the cultures had creation myths where their deities had to overcome the forces of chaos, represented by the sea.
- F. The truth is that Yahweh alone is the one who from eternity made all things (**Gen. 1:1; Ps. 93:2**).
- G. He is the one who brought forth dry land by subduing the seas (**Gen. 1:6-10; Ps. 104:6-7**).
- H. This demonstration of power established His rule over all He has made (**Rev. 4:9-11; Ps. 74:12-17**).
- I. And He showed His power over the nations when He delivered Israel from Egypt through the Red Sea and from other foreign powers (**Ps. 65:7; Isa. 17:12; Dan. 4:17**).
- J. If God has such power, He is worthy of our love and trust (**Jer. 5:22**)!
- K. Amid the chaos of this world, may we never forget that God's power is greater and that He is moving to accomplish His purposes in Jesus Christ (**Eph. 3:7-21**).

III. TWO CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S REIGN (PSALM 93:5)

- A. Here at the last, the psalmist shifts back from the chaos of the world to the goodness and grace of its Creator.
- B. And instead of directly encouraging the reader to believe in God and be faithful, the psalmist highlights two more truths about the reign of God.
- C. God's reign is over a Kingdom of law and holiness (**Ps. 93:5**).
- D. This has always been the case, even from the beginning (**Gen. 2:14-17**).
- E. When God established the nation of Israel, He gave them laws to live by (**Deut. 6:24**).
- F. And so, it is today in the Kingdom of Christ (**Gal. 6:2; Jas. 1:22-25; 2:8; 1 John 4:21**).
- G. If we want to know God and live with God, we must seek to be holy and live by His word (**Ps. 5:4; 15:1; 24:3-5; John 14:6**).
- H. God's commandments help us to be transformed and to live in holiness and love.
- I. It is good and right to honor Him for His grace and love toward us in Jesus (**Titus 2:11-14**).

CONCLUSION

- 1. This psalm reminds us that we should live in confidence and boldness in our God.
- 2. He is the Lord of all creation (**Gen. 1:1**).
- 3. Nothing in heaven or earth can overcome Him.
- 4. He is armed with power and strength that is beyond our comprehension (**Eph. 3:20-21**).
- 5. There is no greater demonstration of this than what He has done in raising our Lord from the dead (**Rom. 1:4; Eph. 1:19-20**).
- 6. Yet He has graciously granted us this same strength when we turn to Him in faithfulness (**Eph. 1:19; 6:10; Ps. 29:11; 68:35**).
- 7. Because of our King Jesus we can live in holiness and bring glory to God (**Rom. 6:1-14**).
- 8. Let us rejoice and live in the rule and reign of King Jesus (**Matt. 28:18; Rev. 11:17**).