

“The LORD Reigneth”

The Majesty of the King

Psalm 93

This psalm is one of the shortest psalms in the book of Psalms, yet it presents one of the greatest truths in all of Scripture in the simplest of terms: “The LORD reigneth.”

Psalm 93 stands at the beginning of a section of psalms that emphasize the reign of the LORD, sometimes referred to as the “Theocratic Psalms,” or “Kingship Psalms.” Several of the psalms that follow (93; 96:10; 97:1; 99:1) repeat the declaration, “The LORD reigneth,” and expand upon what that means for the world, for Israel, and for all mankind.

- The LORD as King (93:1; 95-99)
- His throne is established (93:2; 97-99)
- His rule over creation (93:3-4; 96-98)
- His Word is sure (93.5; 94-100)

While Psalm 92 focuses on the blessing of the righteous, Psalm 93 turns our attention to the foundation of it all — the fact that God Himself reigns. This psalm does not argue that truth; it simply declares it, and everything that follows rests upon it. The reason the righteous can flourish, the reason the wicked will be judged, and the reason the world continues as it does is because God is on the throne.

And from that declaration, the psalm unfolds several truths about His reign — His majesty, His eternal throne, His power over all opposition, and the certainty of His Word.

In the world around us today, with all its chaos and wickedness, this psalm reminds us that nothing is out of control — the LORD is still on the throne.

I. THE MAJESTY OF THE REIGNING LORD — v. 1

The emphasis in this verse is on the majesty and strength that accompany the reign of God.

A. The declaration of His reign

“The LORD reigneth”

1. This is to be seen as a present reality — He reigned in the past, He reigns now, and He will reign eternally.

Isaiah 6:1

¹ In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Revelation 19:6

⁶ And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

2. No matter what is happening on earth, the throne in heaven is not empty.

B. The display of His majesty

“He is clothed with majesty”

1. This speaks of the visible glory and splendor of God’s kingship.
2. Earthly kings may wear robes and crowns to display their authority, but God is clothed in majesty itself. Majesty is not something He puts on — it is who He is.

1 Timothy 6:15–16

¹⁵ Which in his times he shall shew, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; ¹⁶ Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen.

C. The demonstration of His strength

“The LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself”

1. Not only is God majestic — He is mighty.
2. The imagery here is of one who girds himself for action. God’s rule is active, powerful, and effectual.

Psalm 65:6

⁶ Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power:

Jeremiah 32:17

¹⁷ Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

3. There is no force, no power, no opposition that can challenge His rule.

D. The stability of His creation

“...the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.”

1. Because God reigns in majesty and strength, the world itself is established and upheld.

Colossians 1:17

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and by him all things

consist.

Hebrews 1:3

³ Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

2. The stability of the world is not due to natural laws alone — it is due to the sovereign reign of God.

II. THE PERMANENCE OF THE LORD’S THRONE — V. 2

If verse 1 emphasizes the majesty of His reign, verse 2 emphasizes the duration of it. God’s reign is not only powerful — it is permanent.

A. The establishment of His throne

“Thy throne is established...”

1. The word “established” (יָסַד) has the idea of something that is fixed and settled and that cannot be shaken.
2. God’s throne is not in question. It is not subject to change, challenge, or overthrow.

Daniel 4:34–35

³⁴ And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation: ³⁵ And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the

inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand,
or say unto him, What doest thou?

B. The antiquity of His rule

“...of old”

1. This reminds us that God’s reign did not begin at some point in history. There was never a time when God was not on the throne.

Psalm 90:2

² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

2. His rule is an eternal reality.

C. The eternity of His Person

“Thou art from everlasting”

1. This is the foundation of His unending reign: God Himself is eternal.

Revelation 1:8

⁸ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

2. Because God has no beginning and no ending, His reign has no beginning and no ending.

III. THE SUPREMACY OF THE LORD OVER ALL OPPOSITION — VV. 3-4

Having established the majesty and permanence of God’s reign, the psalm now acknowledges a reality we all recognize: there is opposition to the throne.

A. The reality of opposition

“The floods have lifted up... the floods lift up their waves.”

1. The repeated phrase emphasizes intensity and persistence.
2. In Scripture, floods and waters often symbolize chaos, trouble, the raging of nations, and forces opposed to God.

Isaiah 17:12–13

¹² Woe to the multitude of many people, *which* make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, *that* make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! ¹³ The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but *God* shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

B. The noise of opposition

“...the floods have lifted up their voice...”

1. Not only are the waters rising — they are loud.
2. Opposition to God often seems overwhelming and impossible to ignore, whether it be the voices of men, the movements of nations, or the pressures of the world.

C. The superiority of the LORD

“The LORD on high is mightier...”

1. No matter how high the “floods” rise, the LORD is higher. No matter how loud the “noise” gets — the LORD is mightier.

Psalm 89:9

⁹ Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Mark 4:39

³⁹ And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

2. Even the most uncontrollable forces in nature — and by extension, in this world — are under His authority.

D. The extent of His power

“...than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.”

1. This speaks of absolute supremacy.

Isaiah 40:15

¹⁵ Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

Revelation 17:15

¹⁵ And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

2. What appears overwhelming to us is insignificant to Him.

IV. THE CERTAINTY OF THE LORD’S WORD AND THE HOLINESS OF HIS HOUSE — V. 5

The psalm closes by bringing us from the throne of God to the Word of God and the worship of God.

If God reigns in majesty, rules eternally, and is supreme over all opposition, then there are two fitting conclusions: His Word can be trusted completely and His house must reflect His holiness.

A. The certainty of His Word

“Thy testimonies are very sure”

1. The word “testimonies” (תִּפְּטֹנֹת) refers to God’s revealed truth — His Word, His declarations, His judgments.
2. To say they “are very sure” (טִבְּרֵי וְנִבְּרֵי) means they are firm, faithful, reliable, and unchanging. In a world of uncertainty, God’s Word stands as an absolute certainty.

Psalm 19:7

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Isaiah 40:8

⁸ The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Matthew 24:35

³⁵ Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

B. The character of His house

“Holiness becometh thine house, O LORD”

1. The word “becometh” (תִּבְּרֵי) carries the idea of what is fitting, appropriate, or proper.
2. God’s nature determines the character of His dwelling and His worship.

1 Peter 1:15–16

¹⁵ But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; ¹⁶ Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

3. This applies not only to the temple in Israel, but to God's people today as His dwelling place.

1 Corinthians 3:16–17

¹⁶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? ¹⁷ If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

C. The continuity of both

"...for ever"

1. Just as God's reign is eternal, so His Word is permanently sure and His standard of holiness is unchanging.

Hebrews 12:14

¹⁴ Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

2. God does not, cannot change, and therefore His truth does not nor does His standard.

Conclusion:

Because the LORD reigneth:

- We can rest with confidence — nothing is out of His control
- We can trust His Word fully — His testimonies are very sure
- We can live in holiness — because it becometh His

house

This psalm does not call us to figure everything out — it calls us to settle our hearts in who God is.