

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THE LORD REIGNETH

PSALMS 93

Text: Psalms 93:1

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¹ ***The LORD reigneth***, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Introduction:

The psalm is one of praise for God. This is one of the shortest psalms with only five verses.

The absolute reign of God represents his undisputed right to govern all that He has created.

God's reign is the free exercise of His supreme authority over all.

Note:

1. THE REIGN OF GOD (VS. 1-2)

Psalm 93:1-2

¹ The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. ² Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

The praise for God begins by emphasizing His position as King.

This makes Him the Ruler of the world, and we are His subjects.

Few want to bow down to His rule, but you either bow down to His rule, or you bow down to Him in retribution.

Notice:

A. His Robing (vs. 1)

- The Splendor of His Robe (vs. 1) “clothed with majesty”

This speaks of the glory, splendor, and dignity of His throne and rule.

No one has more or deserves more glory than God.

No throne is as glorious as God's throne.

Notice not only the Splendor of His Robe but also:

- The Strength of His Robing (vs. 1) “the Lord is clothed with strength”

Psalm 93:1

¹ The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

No throne is more powerful than God's throne. His power has never been and will never be overcome.

B. His Ruling (vs. 1-2)

Psalm 93:1-2

¹ The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. ² Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

God's rule is one of stability.

The earth may seem to be in chaos, but God's rule is not disturbed or shaken.

Notice:

- The Stability In the Ruling (vs. 1)

Psalm 93:1

¹ *The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: **the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.***

God has complete control of the universe.

Every star, planet, and galaxy moves in fixed ("stablished") orbits as He has prescribed.

Man's actions and rebellion will not affect God's rule in the least.

We notice not only the Stability In His Ruling but also:

- The Span In the Ruling (vs. 2)

Psalm 93:2

² *Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.*

God the beginning and the end.

God is the Alpha and Omega.

He will never cease to rule.

All attempts by man to remove Him will never shake that rule.

We have briefly considered the Reign of God note secondly:

2. THE RESISTANCE TO GOD (VS. 3-4)

Because of man's rebellion there is resistance to God's rule.

Notice:

A. The Comparisons of the Resistance (vs. 3)

Psalm 93:3

³ The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

Rivers, streams, and floods have been used as descriptions of the enemy throughout the Bible.

Isaiah 8:7-8

⁷ Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: ⁸ And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over,

he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

Isaiah 59:19

¹⁹ So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

Jeremiah 46:8

⁸ Egypt riseth up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, and will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

The truth is the enemy likes to like a flood to flood the land with error, and sin.

Notice not only the comparisons of the resistance but also:

B. The Character of the Resistance (vs. 3)

Psalm 93:3

³ The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

Two characteristics of the resistance are listed here.

Note:

Psalm 93:3

³ The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

- The Mouth in the resistance (vs. 3) “The floods have lifted up their voice”

The enemies of God often lifts up their voice in arguments against God.

They have many arguments for not believing in God and for disobeying Him, but their arguments are often filled with false reasoning.

No argument against God will survive or succeed in moving God off the throne.

He is there to stay no matter what the enemies say.

Note also:

- The Might in the Resistance (vs. 3) “The floods lift up their waves”

Waves carry force, so this portrays the enemy of God as forceful.

The enemy of God often appears to have more power than God, but God has many ways of defeating such power.

Notice not only the Comparison and Character of the Resistance but also:

C. The Conquering of the Resistance (vs. 4)

Psalm 93:4

⁴ The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

God is never conquered by evil.

His ultimate defeating of every evil is a great encouragement to the believers.

He defeats both the mouth and the might of the enemy and in so doing shames the opposition. The "voice" of the enemy is called "noise" in His defeat of it.

All the arguments of evolution and those against the standards of God are simply "noise" at best.

Note not only the Reign of God and the Resistance to God but lastly:

3. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD (VS. 5)

Psalm 93:5

⁵ Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

The last subject of praise in this psalm is the righteousness of God.

Holiness is considered the fundamental attribute of God.

God's holiness is not appreciated today, but it will prevail in the ages to come.

Governments are not often ruled by those who are righteous, but God rules in righteousness.

Note:

A. The Scripture (vs. 5) "Thy testimonies are very true"

God's Word is sure unlike the word of so many rulers. The Word of God is faithful, true, and trustworthy.

No book has the integrity as the Bible.

Note also:

B. The Sanctuary (vs. 5) “Holiness becometh thine house”

Psalm 93:5

⁵ Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

This is why the service should be reverent.

That’s why we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.

Hebrews 10:25

²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Note not only the Scripture and the Sanctuary but lastly:

C. The Span (vs. 5) “O Lord for ever”

Holiness is opposed by many as God's standards are ignored and deplored by wicked man.

However, God's holiness will not be defeated. It will last forever.

Close:

Spurgeon cites the story of a man named Whitelock, who was on Oliver Cromwell's envoy to Sweden in 1653.

One night as he was waiting to sail, he was so distracted by the troubles of the nation that he could not sleep.

His assistant, in an adjacent bed, finally said to him, "Sir, may I ask you a question?" "Of course," said Whitelock.

"Sir, do you think God governed the world very well before you came into it?"

"Undoubtedly."

"And sir, do you think that He will govern it quite as well when you are gone out of it?"

"Certainly."

"Then, sir, excuse me, but do you not think you may trust him to govern it quite as well while you are living?"

Whitelock had no answer to this question, but he rolled over and soon went to sleep.

Do you believe that the Lord reigns, not only over the world, but also in your life? If so, rejoice and be glad in Him!

It is easy at times to forget who is in control but we should never forget that God still reigneth.