

The Lord Reigns! Living by Faith in Our Sovereign God

Psalm 93

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Psalms of Sovereignty

One of the beauties of the Book of Psalms is that there are so many different types of psalms given to us. Just as life pulls us into a great variety of different experiences—highs and lows—sorrows and joys. The book of Psalms reflects the full spectrum of our life experience, all in the context of prayer and praise. In the midst of all the different types of psalms you will find, there is a particular kind of psalm that keeps appearing over and over again in the Book of Psalms. I call this kind of psalm a psalm of God's sovereignty. The psalms of God's sovereignty are crucial for our faith. These psalms remind us to lift up our heads and live from the larger picture. These psalms cause us to look beyond ourselves and our circumstances and acknowledge GOD. Psalm 93 is a psalm of God's sovereignty. This psalm opens with a magnificent view of the reality of God—His majesty, His strength, His sovereign kingship and His eternal throne. This is the viewpoint of the psalm and through our prayer of the psalm it is to become our viewpoint as well.

The Chaos of Our Lives and Our World

At the center of the psalm is chaos. In scripture, the seas and their pounding waves are symbolic of the chaos of our world and our lives. If you have ever been on the ocean in a major storm you will get the image right away! This storm is ever the backdrop of the psalms and of our lives as well. The Bible never denies and never ignores the struggle we find ourselves in. The waves are always swirling at every level—nations, politics, economics, relationships and within our own hearts as well. All of this is real and powerful. Our hearts can literally become swept up in it all and we become overwhelmed.

Lifting Up Our Hearts by Lifting Up Our God

The practical power of Psalm 93 is the view from verse 4. The chaos all around is real. The "LORD on high is mightier than the thunders of great waters." This psalm exalts the sovereign majesty of God above all other things. This is the sovereign power and majesty of God, embraced personally through prayer and praise. This is more than dry theology about God's ultimate nature. This is personal faith wrestling with real life issues and looking past all things to the sovereignty of God through prayer and praise.

God Has a Purpose and a Plan

Verse 5 turns our attention to the Word of God. Here we are reminded that our sovereign God actually has a purpose and a plan. He has spoken. He has revealed His heart and will to His people. We are not drifting through life at the mercy of random forces and without any real meaning. The Lord reigns! He IS on His throne! His purpose WILL be accomplished! His Word WILL be fulfilled!

Who Will Worship the LORD?

In the end, we find ourselves in the house of the Lord (Verse 5). This is the place of praise and worship. The question, in the end, is about worship. Who will worship the LORD? All hell may break loose in the world and even in our own lives at times, but in the midst of it all, who will worship the LORD? Who will look up to the throne of God in faith? Who will hold fast to God's Word of promise, believing in His purpose and plan? This is the wisdom and the challenge of Psalm 93 and all the psalms of God's sovereignty. This week, may we each answer the call of God in this psalm and live by faith in our sovereign God. The way forward is through prayer and praise in faith. Take Psalm 93 with you this week. Pray the psalm. Worship God. Believe.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

This week pray and meditate upon Psalm 93.

The Psalmist confesses that in a world where the Lord reigns, there is still chaos and struggle. "The seas have lifted up their pounding waves". Bring before the Lord your personal struggles and challenges through prayer and petition.

According to the text, why is the Psalmist so confident in the LORD?

How have you seen the power and might of the LORD in your own life? How do prayer and praise help you to move forward?

Up Coming

SATURDAY 8/4

All Church Picnic
East Waluga Park @
Noon -5pm
Folks with last names:
A-N bring a side dish
O-Z bring dessert

SUNDAY 8/5

All Church Services. 10am
@ Lakeridge
High School Performing
Arts Center

SATURDAY 8/11 thru 8/18

High School Mission Trip
to Culdesac, Idaho
Contact Josh for details

SUNDAY 8/12

All Church Services. 10am
@ Lakeridge
High School Performing
Arts Center

FRIDAY 8/17

A Night Out...Movie on the
Lawn, Willy Wonka and
The Chocolate Factory
No childcare. 8pm-10pm @
RWLG, Contact Mary or
Adam for details.

SATURDAY 8/18

Ministry Prayer Time
8-9:15am @ RWLG

SUNDAY 8/19

All Church Services
resume @ Lake Grove
9am, 11am & 5:30pm