

Psalm 93

Introduction: We again have a Psalm that is without the name of an author, but Its grand theme is obvious from the first line – The LORD reigns. One of the themes we have seen is that Book IV is the beginning of overcoming crisis. There seems to be a movement from the great crisis at the closing of Book III of going back to recount GOD’s Faithfulness that hope is invoked and joy restored in the soul of a believer. This Psalm’s lofty subject is necessary in all stations of life, not just in difficulty, but always. This little Psalm instructs our souls that the LORD is Mighty and Majestic; that He reigns.

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The flow of this Psalm is controlled by the number of syllables in each line that is not as emphatic in English as it is in Hebrew. The pace goes from quick to progressively slower so that the form (Hebrew poetry) emphasizes the Truth. The emphasis in Hebrew poetry is not that each line rhyme, but one of flow; which I imagine would be much more pronounced with the music this Psalm was set to. There is often a growing or changing rhythm that is controlled by the number of syllables in each line or thought. We don’t have to understand all of the intricacies of Hebrew poetry to understand the Psalms, however it is helpful to see the form or the way in which it is said supports the majesty of what is being said.

Psalm 93 begins with the Grand Truth that the LORD reigns. He has reigned, does reign, and will forever reign. His Throne stands in eternity past, is standing now, and will forever stand. His reigning is unmoved by opposition, rebellion, or turmoil. As is said in the second verse, His throne is established from of old. Then we are given that He is from everlasting. It is all too easy for us to read or hear this short statement and not be moved as we should by this Truth that the LORD reigns. The implications of such a statement are so numerous that a lifetime of sermons could be devoted to this subject.

GOD’s dominion over His Creation is without limits just like any Work or Attribute of His. All that occurs in His Creation is according to His perfect Will and Counsel and for His Glory. All that happens is by His allowing or causing for His Purpose - nothing is left to chance. He is clothed with majesty, not with emblems of majesty. He Himself is the foundation of His Holiness, which is all of His attributes combined. All things are ordered according to His eternal purpose and His will is done. According to His Majesty and Strength in the account of creation, GOD spoke and it became. There was in one moment nothing and in the next there was in existence that which He spoke. In the account

of the LORD delivering His people from Egypt His Majesty and Strength was shown in destroying Pharaoh and the false gods, in the parting of the Red Sea, in collapsing the sea on the Egyptian army. His Mercy was shown in His Providence for the children of Israel throughout the wilderness journey. GOD's Strength was displayed as the nations were driven out. His Majesty and Strength was seen as He descended upon Mount Sinai to give the Law which caused the people to tremble. His Majesty and Holiness when mercifully revealed in glimpses to men caused them to be undone or ruined. His Majesty and Strength and Wisdom has been and is being displayed to His creation in that He sent His Son in the flesh to destroy the works of the devil, to defeat sin and the grave for His people. His Majesty and Strength is seen in the Second Person of the Trinity, in GOD the Son and His Work as His people's Prophet, Priest, and King. O that we will marvel at and be thankful that He reigns. What can give more joy to a loyal subject than to see the King in His Majesty and Strength?

This Psalm speaks of His Creation and that the world is firmly established. Again, this conveys all that happens is caused or allowed by Him for His Glory and according to His perfect Will. We could not be sure of anything if we were not sure of His dominion. The fact that He reigns has implications for those who refuse to bow the knee and submit to Christ. Now along those lines we should define an atheist by the way in which GOD does. An atheist is not a person who doesn't believe but one that works very foolishly and hard to suppress Righteousness or Truth. Their greatest problem is not knowing GOD, but one of not honoring Him as He is nor worshipping Him as He ought to be. Even the demons believe, and they tremble! The Bible plainly teaches that man must have his eyes opened that he may acknowledge GOD – that is to love Him above all. So, apart from GOD's Grace, the result is being furthered in suppressing righteousness. As we see in Romans chapter 1, it is the most terrible judgement for the LORD GOD to withdraw His presence. All things are out of order when GOD withdraws His presence. This is why Numbers 6:24-26 is read often as our benediction - **The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.**' This is the very essence of blessing; to enjoy the favor of GOD; to know by His Grace that He is keeping you, His face is shining upon you, that He is Gracious to you, that He has and is declaring Himself to be well pleased with you in Christ, and a settled soul by His peace. GOD blessing His people for the purpose of His Glory does not mean that we are excused from the refining fires of difficulty, trials, and persecution. But, as this passage in Numbers closes, it is the blessing of His presence that is our peace.

Verse three of this Psalm makes reference to floods. We see throughout the Bible many references to water and floods. The LORD destroyed the world by flood in the days of Noah. He parted the Red Sea that His people walked through on dry ground. The mass of the earth is covered by water and its power can be seen in storms and earthquakes. Their pounding waves and mighty breakers are declared to be mighty, and mighty they are. The seas are uncontrollable, yet Jesus rebuked the storm and the waves that frightened the disciples. Here we see the Truth as given in this little Psalm – that **More than the sounds of many waters, [Than] the mighty breakers of the sea, The LORD on high is mighty.** He controls what we deem uncontrollable. Even His disciples said, "**What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?**" (Matthew 8:27) What a picture this is of our safety - the calming of the storm on the lake of Galilee. Let us ever remember that the noise is that of the breaking wave. Our greatest dangers are only breaking waves; waves which break at His feet.

This Psalm ends by instructing us with certainty that all GOD has said has happened or will happen. Because He has said; it is as good as done. There is nothing more certain than what GOD has spoken. GOD does not dwell in time. He is omnipresent, everywhere at all times. He dwells in eternity. Think about the wonderful Truth that those who belong to Him were chosen by Him before the foundation of the world. So, you nor I was in existence when He determined this; yet His Will even before we existed is as good as done – it was most certain. It is the same with every detail and aspect of His creation because He reigns. The course of God's providence is one of constant interposition; for "**all things work together for good to those who love God.**" (Romans 8:28) Holiness befits Your house is what we must conclude. Not only is what GOD has said, His testimonies, certain and unchanging, but so is His character, which is Holiness. There is no one or no thing that can be compared to Him. All things fall immeasurably short of Him and are subject to Him.

Amen