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Psalm 93: 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. 3: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. 4: The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea. 5: Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever. [for length of days]

Proposition: This Psalm turns us to Christ seated in glory to behold our victorious King returned triumphant, reigning over his new creation which cannot be moved.

OUR KING REIGNS

Psalm 93: 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.

Spurgeon's Treasury of David say in this verse "It would seem as if the Lord had for a while appeared to vacate the throne, but on a sudden he puts on his regal apparel and ascends his lofty seat, while his happy people proclaim him with new joy, shouting "*The Lord reigneth.*"

That is what we see in this Psalm. Christ Jesus, the King of glory, our great David, has returned triumphant from the battle and ascended back to his throne, "*The LORD reigneth!*" To make this proclamation—"the LORD reigneth"—is to publish peace, to publish salvation accomplished by our great King!

Isaiah 52:7: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Christ "*is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself.*" God the Father girded him with strength for the warfare—"a body hast thou prepared me" (Heb 10: 5)—with which the Son of God girded himself. Now, having accomplished redemption, he has ascended to heaven, declared both Lord and Christ. God being well-pleased has crowned him with glory and honor and there he sits "*clothed with majesty.*" He sits at God's right hand the glorified GodMan, Mediator. Christ is the King Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, true Jehovah, God over all, God blessed forever. There he sits "*clothed with strength*". Our risen Lord Jesus has all power in heaven and in earth. The Lord thy God reigneth in omnipotence!

"*The world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.*" Christ has established the world. It means his new creation. The new world is of Christ's making. It is his kingdom which cannot be moved made up of you who believe on him. The new creation has been established in the blood and righteousness of Christ.

Psalm 103:19: The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

OUR KING IS ETERNAL

Psalm 93: 2: Thy throne *is* established of old: thou *art* from everlasting.

In order to remind us that Christ is our eternal King, the Psalmist turns our eye to the time before time when there was only eternity. Christ is the Son of God who was set up as King from everlasting—“*thy throne is established of old, thou art from everlasting.*”

Proverbs 8:22: The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. 23: I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

Micah 5:2: But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

Christ is our Melchizedek. He is the King of righteousness. Christ is the King of Salem, which is, King of peace. He is “without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; the Son of God; who abideth a priest continually” (Heb 7: 2-3).

The word of his power by which he has always upheld all things is his everlasting covenant of redemption, his everlasting covenant of peace, between Father and Son before ever the earth was. The government of his kingdom—made up of God’s elect—has always been upon the shoulder of our great God and King, Christ Jesus. Before any of his elect sinned and needed salvation, Christ was set up as our Savior and King.

Christ our King created this world and reigned over it throughout the whole Old Testament dispensation. Not one thing has come to pass except by his rule. The fall of Adam and all mankind in him was under his complete dominion that he might manifest his glory in saving his people from our sins. He raised up kings in the earth and put down kings. Christ raised up nations and put down nations.

Ecclesiastes 8:4: Where the word of a king *is*, *there is* power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

Daniel 4:35: 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?

Our King, the Son of God, is the one who gave the Holy scriptures by which he promised and was prophesied as the coming King. Then he was born King, in human nature, into the world. Now, he has ascended back to his throne as King! But “*thy throne is established of old, thou art from everlasting.*”

Hebrews 1:8: But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom.

The works were finished from the beginning in Christ our King and his sure word. In the end, “Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Mt 25:34).

Since the fall, it may appear the world is in chaos. But Christ our King has been ruling all from the beginning and shall unto the end.

OUR KING ON THE CROSS

Psalm 93: 3: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

What a King! He descended from his throne and took the form of a servant to save his people from our sins. This was pictured so many times when David went forth to war to save his earthly Israel. But no king ever did what our King has done. On behalf of his people he went to the cross to bear what his people deserved, the flood of God’s justice—“*The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.*”

Our King knew no sin—he is righteous and holy. But for the sake of Christ, to manifest God’s righteousness, God purposed for sin to enter in and death by sin. Since Adam’s disobedience and our fall in him, the storm has raged with its mighty waves in sinners rebelling against God and in Satan’s rebellion.

But our great King willingly took flesh, became a servant on our behalf and gave himself to be made sin and a curse in place of his people and our King bore the floods with all their waves that he might save us from it.

We see a type in Jonah. Christ knew no sin. Jonah had sinned. But what Jonah says here is true of Christ. The tempest was for Christ’s sake to manifest his glory. Our King willingly presented himself to the Father, without sin, and said, “Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you” (Jonah 1:12).

Oh, the faithful obedience of our King. As he bore the floods of justice and the floods of ungodly men and the floods of hell, he looked stedfastly to God his Father in perfect faith. We see it typified in Jonah.

Jonah 2: 1: Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish’s belly, 2: And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice. 3: For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. 4: Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. 5: The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. 6: I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever:

We hear Christ’s faithful cry to the Father throughout the Psalms:

Psalm 18: 4: The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. 5: The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death [went before] me.

Psalm 69: 1: Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul. 2: I sink in deep mire, where *there is* no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me....14: Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. 15: Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. 16: Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

Our King bore this in our room and stead. He gave God the faithful obedience and glory in perfection which we could never give. And he did it as he put away our sins. Like Noah and his family was in the ark when the flood beat upon the ark so all his people were in Christ and in him we did what he did. And God heard him! Having magnified God's righteousness, satisfied his law and justified his people, put away sin, brought in everlasting righteousness—God raised him up on high.

Jonah 2: 6...yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. 7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

OUR KING VICTORIOUS

Psalm 93: 4: The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.*

The Lord Jesus Christ our King was raised victorious over sin, death and hell with his people in him.

That day in the ship a mighty tempest arose and the disciples were afraid. Christ was in the hinder part of the ship asleep. When he awoke, he arose and spoke "peace, be still!" And the sea became like glass.

Christ awakened from the grave and arose on high, proclaiming, "Peace, be still! *"The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea."*

By his work for us—"He by himself purged our sins"; "By his one offering he perfected forever them that are sanctified" (Heb 1:3; 10: 14). When he enters his redeemed in Spirit he stills the storm of our sin-nature, creating a new man to behold, "It is finished!" Our King is mightier than every enemy—from the lusts of our flesh to enemies in the world to the devil himself—Christ is able to still the waves.

OUR KING'S BLESSINGS

Psalm 93: 5: Thy testimonies are very sure [established]:

By his Spirit turning us to him he makes us know and rejoice that his testimonies are established very sure. What does testimonies mean? One, the testimonies of his law are established and very sure. Christ has made his people righteous in him, justified! Therefore, two, the testimonies of his gospel promises are established and very sure—yes and amen in him! He said, "This is the new testament in my blood." Three, every believer is his testimony (his witnesses). We are established and very sure, accepted and complete in the Beloved.

“Holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.” It is Christ’s holiness. It is our King’s beauty that has beautified and adorned his house forever, that is, each of those he sanctified. We are holy, set apart for his use, like the pots in the LORD’s house.

Zechariah 14: 20: In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD’S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. 21: Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts:

By Christ our Holiness dwelling in each of his sanctified servants he says to you, same as he said to the thief on the cross, “Thou *art* all fair, my love; *there is* no spot in thee’ (Song 4:7)

Holiness means “separate-ness”. If we would see how separated and holy we are in and by Christ then read verse one again and behold Christ returned on high as our King the glorified GodMan. Then hear God’s word declare you are seated there in him. Paul said that his believing children are risen with Christ, seated where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ our Life shall appear, then shall ye appear with him in glory! (Col 3:1-4) In Christ our King, his people are separated and established as that world he established that cannot be moved!

Psalm 97:1: The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.

His rule makes us ask the Lord, to reign to rule in us and for us. To rule all the host of foes and floods of the ungodly, whether of sin or Satan, or my lusts or the world. To give us desires to know him, and obey him, and to live to him to his glory. And we thank him!

Revelation 11:17: We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Jonah 2: 9...Salvation *is* of the LORD.

Amen!