

The KING: Bowing to the LORD Pt 1

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“To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves. 1 My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. 2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. 3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. 4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. 5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee. 6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.” Psalm 45:1-6

This morning being fellowship Sunday we are taking a short break from Haggai and we will again look at Psalm 45. We have preached 2 sermons on the subject of: The Beauty and Excellency of Christ. We said last time that Psalm 45 is a glorious description of our PRECIOUS Lord Jesus Christ and of His Bride the CHURCH! As David begins to pen some glorious things of our LORD He is caught up in a spiritual holy delight and excitement to which as we also saw last time burned in his soul regarding his LOVE for his Savior.

We saw that the word '**INDITING**' in the Hebrew means to boil and or bubble over and to bubble up as when boiling water, which gives the idea of stirring up to a boil, it's the noise you hear when you boil water. As though David is saying, my heart is bubbling over, my heart boils over with great fervency as I speak of the things concerning the king, that is: KING JESUS! *“My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.”* John Calvin again says regarding this verse, *“My heart is boiling over.”* Jonathan Edwards says, *“My heart is full of a good thing.”* Tholuck says, *“My heart wellet forth a fair song.”* In Chaldean language it says, *“My heart has cast forth a good discourse.”* What David is seeking to convey to us is that his heart is hot within him because of the subject of this song: KING JESUS: Remember this is a wedding song a song of loves. This Psalm speaks of David's love towards Christ's which should cause us to examine our own hearts before God this morning, that is; HOW IS MY LOVE TO CHRIST, YEA KING JESUS THIS MORNING? It is INDITING, is it HOT, it is boiling, is it bubbling over with love to Christ?

As David has clearly emphasized, his heart is bubbling over, burning with great fervency as he says *“My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.”* I speak of the things concerning the king, that is: KING JESUS! This is the subject of our study this morning: KING Jesus Part 1, the title to my sermon is: King JESUS - BOWING to the LORD: Allow me to outline Psalm 45 for you this morning:

I. **The Royal Groom** (vss 1-2)

- A. The Burning of our Love (vs 1a *"My heart is inditing a good matter..."*)
- B. The Bowing to the LORD (vs 1b *"...I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer."*)
- C. The Beauty of the LORD (vs 2a *"...Thou art fairer than the children of men..."*)
- D. The Benevolent Lips (vs 2b *"...grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever."*)

II. **The Royal Glory** (vss 3-5)

- A. The Girded Sword (vs 3a)
- B. The Glorious Splendor (vs 3b)
- C. The Great Spoil (vss 4-5)

III. **The Royal Government** (vss 6-8)

- A. A Ruling Sovereign (vs 6)
- B. A Righteousness Sanctioned (vs 7)
- C. A Ravishing Smell (vs 8)

IV. **The Royal Guest** (vss 9-17)

- A. The Radiant Bride (vss 9-12)
- B. The Rich Blessings (vss 13-15)
- C. The Remembered Brethren (vss 16-17)

I would love to warm your hearts this morning as I will seek to exalt our Lord Jesus Christ by speaking on His KINGSHIP, that is; THAT JESUS CHRIST IS KING and thus the importance of bowing the knee to this KING, this LORD. Again, David says that his heart is inditing, that is; burning with love because he is going to speak of the things concerning THE KING! This whole chapter is given over to the truth of the KINGSHIP of CHRIST, the subject again of this is quite clear: I WILL SPEAK of the things PERTAINING to the KING! This is not a song of vain or empty things, much less about wicked or sinful things as the songs of the world are, no DAVID says the subject of this song is not of an ordinary person, no it is about THE KING, yea HE who is KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS!

John Owens says, *"It was the name whereby they called the Messiah, Christ the Lord under the Old Testament who is indeed the King of Kings."* In Psalm 2:6 it says, *"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."* Owens continues from Psalm 45, *"He was principally prophesied of as, A Prince, A Ruler, A Captain; being the deliverer of the people of God; He is the SUBJECT of the song and it is limited to things touching or concerning Him; as if he had said, it is not for me, it is not for mortal man to conceive*

or express all the glories and excellencies of the great King Jesus Christ; but saith he, I will speak something touching, something concerning him.” I am so glad John Owens said that, let me reread again: I glad that Owens said that because it is true, how can mortal man speak of HIM who is KING of kings and LORD of Lords, yea He who is from Everlasting to Everlasting, He who is ETERNAL? I feel so inadequate to speak of the things concerning the KING so may God grace me to say something, to say a few things concerning, yea as touching the KING!

Let me first say that it is sad but true that there are some who are Christians indeed who do not believe that Jesus Christ is KING now, no I don't want to get sidetrack on this but let me just clear the air regarding this quickly. If you have any questions about this you can ask me after the service. Now, you find this group mostly in the HYPER dispensational pre-mil groups. Now, please understand that not all pre-mils are dispensational but all dispensationalists are pre-mil! I've had some of them tell that Jesus is not King now and that they relegate that KINGSHIP to a future millennium of a 1000 years. Just a reminder I was a dispensational pre-mil for many years. I'm sorry for those who have no clue as to what I am speaking about, I'm talking about Eschatology, the teachings of the last days and about certain positions taken by some. Anyway, there are some in this group and again I'm talking about the hyper-dispensational pre-mil group who also believe that the teachings and application of the sermon of the mount is only future and applies to the 1000 year millennium. Well, no doubt it was teachings like these that started me questioning my own position on the last days. The final conclusion of the whole matter is simply, "let God be true and ever man a liar" as Romans 3:4 asserts.

Now the Bible is quite clear regarding the KINGSHIP of Christ, because both the Old and New Testament set the record straight as to its declaration and exaltation of Christ always and continuously being KING! I have 35 verses to make my point, but I will not read them to you, I will LORD upload my sermons notes to sermonaudio this afternoon if you want a copy of my sermon.

- Psalms 5:2, "*Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.*"
- Psalms 10:16, "***The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.***"
- Psalms 24:7,8 & 9, "*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.*"
- Psalms 29:10, "***The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.***"
- Psalms 44:4, "*Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.*"
- Psalms 45:1, "*My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made*

touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.”

- Psalms 68:24, “*They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.*”
- Psalms 74:12, “*For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.*”
- Psalms 84:3, “*Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, **O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.***”
- Psalms 89:18, “*For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.*”
- Psalms 95:3, “**For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**”
- Psalms 98:6, “*With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.*”
- Psalms 145:1, “*I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.*”
- Psalms 149:2, “**Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**”
- Isaiah 6:1 & 5, “**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. 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone: because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.**” John 12:41, “*These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.*”
- Isaiah 33:22, “*For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.*”
- Isaiah 43:15, “**I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.**”
- Isaiah 44:6, “**Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.**”
- Jeremiah 10:10, “**But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king:** at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.”
- Jeremiah 23:5, “*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.*”
- Daniel 4:34, 35 & 37, “*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? 37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour **the King of heaven**, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.*”
- Acts 17:2, 3, 6 – 7, “*And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, 3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. 6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city,*

crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also. 7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

- 1 Timothy 1:17, “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”
- 1 Timothy 6:15, “Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords.”
- Revelation 15:3, “And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.”
- Revelation 17:14, “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”
- Revelation 19:16, “And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

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1. Christ has a MATERIAL (External) KINGDOM:
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As King over heaven and earth He rules as supreme monarch. Psalms 47:2, 6 & 7, “For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. Psalms 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. 7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.” By His Material Kingdom, that is; His external kingdom I mean that His Kingdom is universal in the sense that HE is LORD and the KING of all CREATION. Creation and nature subject and submit themselves to HIM. From the beginning God established our seasons, Gen. 8:22, “While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” No it’s not global warming, no IT’S GOD ruling in Heaven and Earth. Please turn with me to Job 37:1-18, 21 & 22; 38:1-10. He is also the ruler of the weather. Luke 8:22-25, “Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. 23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. 24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.” He is the Sovereign ruler even over the spirit realm, Mark 1:23-27, “And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 Saying, Let us alone;

what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. 26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.” One of my favorite verses in all the Bible that I enjoy reading on Wednesday nights when we pray 1 Chron.29:10-13, “*Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. 11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.”* The great Puritan Thomas Boston, says; “*In this respect He has a universal empire which extends over all things in heaven and earth, yea and to hell itself. He sole Monarch of the whole world...*” According to Psalm 115:3, “*But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.*” Again Dan.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?”* 2 Chron.20:6, “*And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?”* These my dear ones are just some of the verses, yea; an handful of the many verses that show that Christ in His essential and or material KINGDOM is ruler of Heaven and Earth! Psalms 47:2, “*For the LORD most high is terrible; **he is a great King over all the earth.***” Psalms 95:3, “*For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*”

Now, as KING our LORD Jesus Christ also has all the ensigns and or emblems of SOVEREIGN ROYALTY!

1. He has a THRONE: Signifying that He has position, power and authority, HE RULES: Psalms 9:4 & 7, “*For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right. 7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.*” Psalms 11:4, “*The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.*” Psalms 45:6, “*Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.*” I know you're saying but Pastor Joe it says, thy throne O God, yes and I'll let the Bible interpret this, 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.*” Ps.93:1 & 2, “*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.*” Ps.47:6-8, “*Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. 7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. 8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his*

holiness.” Psalms 103:19, “*The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.*” Lamentations 5:19, “*Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.*” Revelation 1:4, “*John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne.*” Revelation 3:21, “*To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*” Zechariah 6:12 & 13, “*And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: 13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and **shall sit and rule upon his throne**; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.*” In passing, I believe that the word THRONE/THRONES is used about 44 times in the Book of Revelation. From Matthew to Jude it is only used 8 times so the majority of its usage is in Revelation signifying that the omnipotent sovereign Lordship of Christ, therefore I would suggest that the theme of Revelation is the “throne of God,” God is in control of all things, yea He is the ruler of all things. This is what gave hope to the first century Christians, no matter what happened, GOD WAS IN CONTROL! This should be the hope of the 21st century Christians, regardless what is going around us, GOD IS IN CONTROL! It was a book of comfort for them; it should be a book of comfort for us, not some mystical puzzle. Yes, our Lord Jesus Christ sitting on His glorious white horse going forth conquering and to conquer. Thus, the references to the “throne,” should be our comfort and consolation. Many times it seems as though Satan will have his victory in this world, in religion, in the affairs of the government, but He that is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David has prevailed, yea has conquered and will continue to conquer unto His second coming, wherein we will finally see the fullness of His victorious, triumphant defeat of all His enemies and the ushering in of our eternal habitation with Him, “*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*”¹ Th.4:16-18. Not only does Christ have a THRONE but he has:

2. Christ also has a CROWN: Signifying HE IS RULING, the crown is a symbol of royal power: Revelation 6:2, “*And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*” I know many interpret this to be the antichrist, but I find no reference or place in Scripture where the color white is any emblem or color of evil or Satan, because white is the color of purity. The word white is used 19 times in Revelation and each and every time it is used in reference to God or of His saints wearing white robes including the WHITE THRONE in Revelation 20. Plus in Revelation 19:11, “*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*”

3. Christ has a BANNER: A Banner signifies a standard in it’s representation, like a flag: Christ’s Banner is a BANNER of TRUTH: Psalm 60:4, “*Thou hast given a banner to them*

that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.” Psalms 20:5, “We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions”.

4. Christ also has SWORD: A SWORD is a symbolic of bringing enemies into subjection. When man fell in the garden, Christ quickly set up a sword, Genesis 3:24, “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.” Deuteronomy 32:41, “If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.” The sword is also for protection, Deuteronomy 33:29, “Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.” Joshua 5:13-15, “And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; **but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come.** (Jehovah-Sabaoth) And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.” Psalms 7:12, “If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.” Psalms 45:3, “Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.” Revelation 1:16, “And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.” Revelation 2:12, “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges.” Revelation 19:15, “And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.” The sword is also symbolic of the WORD of God: Ephesians 6:17, “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Hebrews 4:12, “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Yes the sword will cut your heart in conviction or it will cut your heart in judgment, either way the sword will prevail!

5. Christ also has a COAT OF ARMS: The coat of arms or shield is symbolic of family history and distinction. The LION is inserted into His Coat of ARMS: Revelation 5:5, “And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.”

6. Christ also has a SCEPTOR: A scepter is a rod or staff that is symbolic of a ruler with authority: Genesis 49:9 & 10, “Judah is a **lion's** whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a **lion**, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? 10 **The sceptre shall not depart from Judah**, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.” Psalms 45:6, “Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.” 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.” Psalms 2:9, “Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.” The scepter and or rod is used as judgment with His enemies but with His people it is used in such great tenderness and compassion, Psalms 23:4, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of

death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” Psalms 89:32, “Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.” Psalms 110:2, “The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.” Revelation 2:27, “And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.”

7. Christ also has a KINGDOM: It's kind of hard of having all the prior 6 things without a kingdom. This heavenly KING has a Throne, has a Crown, has a Banner, has a Sword, has Coat of Arms, has a Scepter and this HEAVENLY KING has a KINGDOM! A KINGDOM is typifies SOVEREIGNTY! Psalms 22:28, *“For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.”* Psalms 45:6, *“Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.”* Psalms 103:19, *“The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.”* Psalms 145:11-13, *“They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; 12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.”* There are so many verses that show forth clearly that Christ rules as king in His essential and material kingdom: Again;

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We've already seen the aspect of His Material Kingdom, let us now quickly conclude with MEDIATORY and INTERNAL KINGDOM: Included in these verses is the truth of the promises made to Christ that He would be a KING in HIS KINGDOM made up of HIS PEOPLE, that all those whom He has saved, this is HIS MEDIATORY KINGDOM: By His MEDIATORY KINGDOM we mean that His KINGDOM is Spritual and thus invisible. This KINGDOM is internal, that is, it is in the HEARTS of HIS PEOPLE. Christ exercises His Kingly Office in subduing sinners to Himself in the grace of salvation. As KING He rules in His KINGDOM and is a defender, a protector and is in the process of governing His people. This is why we believe in LORDSHIP SALVATION, because He is KING! Christ subdues sinners to Himself in the day of His powe and writes upon their hearts His laws, thus ruling and governing over them. The subjects of His kingdom enter in not by flesh and blood or by the willl of man, but by God in Christ! They enter this KINGDOM by a spritual birth which called being BORN AGAIN: We'll see this in a minute let me just established my point first:

Starting with Isaiah 9:6 & 7, *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”* I believe this was fulfilled in Luke 1:32 & 33, *“He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for*

ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” This also fulfills that which was also promised to David in 2 Samuel 7:16, “And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.” 1000 years is not for ever it has a beginning and an ending, but an eternal kingdom has no beginning and no ending it is for ever and ever. Jeremiah 23:5, “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.”

Now, I am going to read the next 4 verses only to make an argument: Ezekiel 34:23 & 24, *“And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.”* Do you really think that Ezekial is speaking the literal David? No David has been dead for some time now, no it is figuretive is the sense of a type of the Messiah Christ. It is speaking of Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 37:24 & 25, *“And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.”* Is it David who was the King of Israel, no it is speaking of the Messiah Jesus Christ who will be king over His people and prince over them FOREVER! I am going to allow a pre-mil, not an amil nor a dispensational pre-mil, but a historic pre-mil give light to this text. I’m speaking of John Gill who holds to the 1000 year view of the millenium in Revelation 20, *“...this is the Messiah that shall arise from his seed in the time of salvation: he is called David because his name agrees with him, which signifies “beloved”, he being beloved of God and man; and because the son of David, of his seed according to the flesh; and because David was an eminent type of him, in his person, offices, afflictions, wars, victories, and exaltation; and because he was David's Lord and representative, and in whom his everlasting kingdom is established. The same is called the servant of the Lord, as he often is in Scripture, being so in his office capacity as Mediator; and because he took upon him the form of a servant; did the work of one; and was of the Lord's choosing, calling, supporting, and glorifying.”*

Thus, all these verses on Christ’s kingdom, see Him now as KING and sitting upon David’s throne reigning and ruling. When Christ came preaching He made it very clear that HE HAD A KINGDOM! Matthew 4:17, *“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* Jesus’ answer to the Pharisees in Matthew 12:28 makes it very clear that He had and has a kingdom even now, *“But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, **then the kingdom of God is come unto you.**”* Daniel 7:18 & 27, *“But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.”* Matthew 6:10, 13 & 33, *“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

I know that many run to Revelation 20 to seek for a future kingdom, but I find the kingdom in chapter 1 of Revelation and I don't need to wait until some future kingdom because I'm already in it with the Apostle John: Please turn with to Revelation 1:9, "*I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, **and in the kingdom** and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is call Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*" In Revelation 12 I believe it is speaking of the church and again there is mentioned of the existing KINGDOM in verse 10, "*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God**, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*" I think I have established my point that there is a KING and His name is King Jesus and presently HE HAS A KINGDOM!

This kingdom is assign to HIM THREEFOLD: The Kingship of Christ is set forth in three ways:

1. By DECREE or appointment: Ps.2:6 & 7: "*Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*"
2. By PROMISE: Daniel 2:44, "*And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*" For the sake of time I did not include verses in Isaiah, Jeremiah and in the Psalms.
3. By SONSHIP, a pure line and therefore a true heir of the throne: 2 Samuel 7:12, 13 & 13 and thus fulfilled in Luke 16:31-33 which we have already read. Ps.2:6 & 7.

This is all part of His MEDIATORY KINGDOM which we have already established that it is a SPIRITUAL and INVISIBLE KINGDOM. You can only enter into this kingdom by a Spiritual Birth: John 3:3-8, "*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, **he cannot see the kingdom of God**. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, **he cannot enter into the kingdom of God**. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again**. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*" Colossians 1:13 says, "*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.*" This is the work of regeneration, being born again by the power of the Holy Spirit, raising a dead sinner unto life! This kingdom again is internal as Christ Himself said in Luke 17:21, "*Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*" Christ sits enthroned as KING in the hearts of His people. This is how God saves sinners by birthing them into the KINGDOM of His BELOVED SON! Christ saves His people from their sins by His great atoning work on the

Cross, He is our mediator, thus this is HIS MEDIATORY KINGDOM by office as Prophet, Priest and KING!

In the Shorter Catechism the question is asked: *“How doth Christ execute the office of a king? Christ executed the office of a king by subduing us to Himself in ruling and defending us and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.”* Loraine Boettner in his Studies in Theology on page 247 says, *“The kingly office of Christ relates primarily to the risen and glorified Christ who, seated at the right hand of God the Father and possessing all authority in heaven and on earth, directing the advancing affairs of His kingdom and secures the salvation of all His people.”*

Our LORD has right to HIS KINGDOM having purchase it with His own blood. Thus He is the ruler and redeemer in His KINGDOM! Thus we see that Christ has both a Material Kingdom that is visible as He reigns over heaven and earth and He also has a MEDIATORY KINGDOM which is invisible and internal and HE reigns over HIS PEOPLE. As we have seen His kingdom was prophesized and fulfilled!

I hope you know understand a little bit more why David’s heart was bubbling and burning, yea boiling over, why his heart was HOT for HIS KING as he says in Psalm 45:1 *“My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching **the king**: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.”* Yes, this explains why David had spiritual heartburn as those in Luke 24:32 on the road to Emmaus, *“And they said one to another, **Did not our heart burn within us**, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?”*

All those whom He saves He puts in His ETERNAL KINGDOM that is without end and they shall never, no never ever be put out of His KINGDOM!

In John 6:37-40 are some of the most precious verses in the Bible, *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”*

Will you not come to Christ this morning for salvation? You will BOW down to this KING one way or another, it is better to bow to Him on this side of eternity than on the other side. He is a KING, yea A SOVEREIGN RULER to whom EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW and EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS THAT HE IS LORD, THAT HE IS KING! The title to my sermon: Bowing to the LORD! Oh my dear ones outside Christ come to HIM even now, come in repentance to God and faith in the LORD Jesus Christ and be ushered into HIS GLORIOUS ETERNAL KINGDOM!

Again, I plea with you, will you now this very moment BOW the KNEE to KING JESUS? You

can do it now in this very present moment in the grace of salvation confessing HIM as LORD of LORDS and KING of KINGS because if you die in your sins without Christ you will BOW to HIM in JUDGMENT in acknowledgement to HIS AUTHORITY and SOVEREIGNTY!

Next time we'll that Jesus Christ was King from the cradle to the Cross this was just an introduction for that sermon, let's pray: