



The Kingdom Of God Psalm 93:1-5

Review

- Presence of God. Place where full joy is found.
- Holiness of God. He is set apart. He desires the worship of His people. He is worthy of worship.
- In light of our study, hope your prayer life is changing.

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

What is the kingdom of God?

This part of the prayer echoes the cry of John the Baptist, “Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand (or is near).”

Jesus also...

Mark 1:14-15 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

We move from proclaiming God’s presence, to worshipping and acknowledging that He is holy, set apart. And then we ask for Him to usher in His kingdom! Worshipping leads to looking for His kingdom!

Acts 28:31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

A converted Saul, now Paul, lives his life to preach “the kingdom of God.”

Jesus’ primary theme-- the kingdom of God.

- What it is.
- How to be in it.
- What it will be.

- **You WANT to be on the side of the King whose Kingdom never falls. Ever.**

Psalm 93:1-5 The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. 2 Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. 3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. 4 Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty! 5 Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

1. What does the kingdom look like now? God's lordship over all creation.

Psalm 145:10-13 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

- The worship we spoke of last week-- acknowledges His kingdom, His rule.
- We move from acknowledging His presence, to worshipping Him and praising His holiness and being set apart.
- This moves us to look forward to His kingdom!
- It is everlasting. All things made by Him, through Him, for Him. It was established before time. It has NEVER NOT been God's kingdom. God was never created.
- It is magnificent.
- It is never shaken--not from tsunami's, cancer, divorce, communism, fascism, elections...
- In fact... according to Romans 13, every OTHER throne, kingdom, dominion gets the right to rule, keys to it's kingdom... from THIS KING!
- It is strong. Stronger than anything else. Stronger than nature.
- When you see justice... peace... healing... restraint... we are seeing "in-part" what the rule of Jesus looks like. It is the general
- We know John and Jesus talk about it... but we know that it is not completely fulfilled.
- So we enjoy that we live in His kingdom... but we pray, "Your kingdom come." We know there is a more full, complete, perfect kingdom to come!

2. What do Kingdom People look like? (or, What does God's sovereign rule look like in the hearts of His subjects?)

- **They look to the future.**
 - Lay up treasure in heaven.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

- Are you generous... ready to share?
 - Storing up future treasure. A secular financial planner will NEVER get this.
 - Living this way you take hold of true life.
- **They submit themselves to their King.** It's obvious they have a ruler. And they are followers.

Luke 6:46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

- Obedience reveals what you think about God's kingdom, or Him as King.

- **They ENJOY his rule!**

Psalm 93:5 Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

- By faith, believing His rule is best, most prosperous, beneficial, life-giving.

- **They love his fences and boundaries.**

Psalm 139:5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

- Love His protection.

- **They live for the building of His Kingdom, not their little kingdoms.**

- “The kingdom of God grows and its influence expands on earth when sinners come into a saving relationship with the Lord.”--Steve Cha
- Worried more about their city, the lost, than their possessions, their little kingdoms.
- On mission for the King. Serve the church, serve the world.

3. What does the kingdom to come look like? What do we inherit?

- **Heaven is for real. And not just because that cute kid with the glasses said so.**
- First question: does everyone experience this kingdom?

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

- We must understand, only believers will benefit from God’s kingdom eternally. Non-believers benefit now in part due to the general grace of God, but not in the future. Non-believers are not on good terms with the King.
- So how does one enter?

John 3:3-5 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

- Inheritance. Joint heir with Christ.
- Jesus says He has gone to prepare a place for us...He does not lie.

Matthew 25:34 Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’

Revelation 21 and 22

Respond to the kingdom of God, all people, now.

- Make sure you are in it.
- Live boldly and to see it expand.
- Look forward to its fulfillment one day.