

Lesson 3 – Monday: The Lord Reigns

1. Seven statements from **Psalms 93-99** that exalt God as the Reigning King
2. The Lord Reigns FOREVER
 - a. **Psalm 93:2** – *Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.*
 - b. **Psalm 93:5** – *Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.*
3. The Lord Reigns FAIRLY
 - a. **Psalm 94:12** – *Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, and teach out of Your law, ¹³ That You may give him rest from the days of adversity,*
4. The Lord Reigns WITH ALL AUTHORITY
 - a. **Psalm 95:3-5** – *For the LORD is the great God, and the great King **above** all gods. ⁴ In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. ⁵ The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.*
 - **Psalm 96:5** – *For **all the gods** of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.*
 - **Psalm 18:31** – *For who is God, except the LORD?*
5. The Lord Reigns WITH MAJESTY
 - a. **Psalm 96:6** – *Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.*
 - b. **Psalm 93:1** – *The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;*
6. The Lord Reigns COMPLETELY
 - a. **Psalm 97:2-6** – v.6-7 *“the whole earth” ... “the heavens” ... “all the peoples”*
 - b. **Matthew 4:10** – *“For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”*
 - c. **Psalm 98:1** – *Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.*
7. The Lord Reigns WITH JUSTICE
 - a. **Psalm 98:8-9** – *Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together ⁹ before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity. (Also **Psalm 94:20-23** and **Psalm 96:10-13**)*
8. The Lord Reigns WITH MERCY
 - a. **Psalm 99:8** – *You answered them, O LORD our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, [El Nasa] though You took vengeance on their deeds.*
 - b. **Proverbs 19:11** – *The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression.*
 - c. **Psalm 94:18-19** – *If I say, “My foot slips,” Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up. ¹⁹ In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.*
9. “The Lord Reigns” is NOT just a statement about God – It’s about ME
 - a. **Psalm 95:6-7** – *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. ⁷ For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.*
 - b. **Matthew 4:17** – *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*
10. NEXT LEVEL: The Lord Reigns AND WILL REIGN WITH His people
 - a. **Revelation 20:6** – *Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.*

PSALM 97

The LORD reigns;
Let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad!

²Clouds and darkness surround Him;
Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of His throne.

³A fire goes before Him,
And burns up His enemies round about.

⁴His lightnings light the world;
The earth sees and trembles.

⁵The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD,
At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

⁶The heavens declare His righteousness,
And all the peoples see His glory.

⁷Let all be put to shame who serve carved images,
Who boast of idols.
Worship Him, all *you* gods.

⁸Zion hears and is glad,
And the daughters of Judah rejoice
Because of Your judgments, O LORD.

⁹For You, LORD, *are* most high above all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰You who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the souls of His saints;
He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.

¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.