

Lesson 3 **January 13–19*

NEXT WEEK Lesson 4 - THE LORD HEARS AND DELIVERS

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SABBATH AFTERNOON

Read for This Week's Study: *Psalm 8; Psalm 100; Psalm 97;*

Psalm 75; Ps. 105:7-10; Gal. 3:26-29; Ps. 25:10.

Memory Text: "The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure" (*Psalm 93:1, NIV*).

The Psalms unswervingly uphold the foundational belief

in God's sovereign reign. The Lord created and sustains everything that He had created. He is the sovereign King over the whole world, and He rules the world with justice and righteousness. His laws and statutes are good and bring life to those who keep them. The Lord is a just Judge who ensures that the world remains well ordered, and He does so by rewarding the righteous and punishing the wicked, but in His time, not ours.

PSALM 8:1-6 COMPARE WITH HEBREWS 2:6-9:

1 O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

AS WE COMPARE, PSALM EIGHT WITH HEBREWS CHAPTER 2, WE SEE THAT A CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE IN GOD'S PURPOSES, OR WILL FOR PLANET EARTH. ADAM LOST HIS DOMINION. THE DOMINION GIVEN TO HIM AT CREATION. HE AND EVE CHOSE TO BELIEVE THE LIES OF THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD, THE DEVIL, SATAN WHO DECEIVES THE WHOLE WORLD ABOUT GOD. SO WE HAVE WHAT THE ENGLISH GRAMMAR CALLS, A CONJUNCTION, A NEGATIVE CONJUNCTION, BUT. BUT WE DO NOT SEE ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET. YEAH, THIS NEGATIVE CONJUNCTION IS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER NEGATIVE

CONJUNCTION, WHICH BRINGS US A POSITIVE. BUT WE SEE JESUS. THE DEVIL REJOICES THAT ALL THINGS ARE NOT PRESENTLY UNDER THE DOMINION OF MANKIND IN HIS ORIGINAL STATE AS GOD WILL IMPLANT OUR EARTH SHOULD BE. BUT THE DEVIL IS NOT HAPPY FOR THE SECOND CONJUNCTION THAT BRINGS JESUS IN TO RESTORE THIS PLANET TO ITS FIRST DOMINION AND EVERYTHING IN IT. PRESENTLY WE SEE A BATTLE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THESE TWO CONJUNCTIONS IN OUR OWN INDIVIDUAL AND PERSONAL LIVES. THE NEW TESTAMENT BRINGS US HOPE. WE DO NOT YET SEE ALL THINGS UNDER HIM THAT IS MANKIND DUE TO SIN AND SUFFERING AND THE DECEPTIONS OF SATAN. BUT WE SEE JESUS. PRAISE GOD FOR JESUS WHO AS THE VERSE SAYS WAS MADE A LITTLE LOWER FOR THE SUFFERING OF DEATH, THAT HE, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, SHOULD TASTE DEATH FOR EVERY MAN. THAT'S YOU THAT'S ME. IF YOU'RE LISTENING TODAY YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE EVERY MAN IF YOU ARE A WOMAN, YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE EVERY MAN IF YOU ARE YOUNG WOMAN, YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE EVERY MAN IF YOU ARE YOUNG MAN, YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE EVERYMAN. IF YOU ARE AN OLD MAN OR AN OLD WOMAN, OR A MIDDLE-AGE MAN, OR A MIDDLE-AGE WOMAN, IF YOU'RE AN

INFANT MAN OR AN INFANT WOMAN, YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE EVERY PERSON. EVERY PERSON IS INCLUDED IN THE EVERY MAN!

Psalm 75:

6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

MATT 26 - JESUS DRANK THIS CUP - GOD REMAINS SOVEREIGN BY THE LIFE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

PSALM 24 - ADDED - CLOSES WITH CHRIST VICTORIOUS ASCENSION.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

7 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.

God's covenant with Israel plays a special role in securing the world because it heralds the Lord's salvation. The Lord adopted Israel as His prized possession, making Israel, of all the nations, His people. The Lord is faithful to His covenant and continues to care for His flock despite their unfaithfulness and, at times, open rebellion.

CHRIST IS ISRAEL HE IS THE COVENANT PROMISE THE COVENANT
KEEPER THE COVENANT FULFILLMENT. IT IS THROUGH CHRIST THAT THE
COVENANT IS FULFILLED. THAT IS WHY ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
VERSES IN THE BIBLE IS FOUND IN THE CONTEXT OF DANIEL 11:22:

20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes
in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall
be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to
whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom:
but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom
by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be
overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea,
also the prince of the covenant.

The Lord's sovereign rule THAT IS HIS OVER-RULING
PROVIDENCE AS NOTED THROUGHOUT THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL thus
renders the world FINALLY firmly established and secure. The
psalmists want the reader to understand this foundational truth.
With this worldview as their lighthouse, the psalmists seek to
thrive and to serve God with undivided devotion.

LORDS PRAYER - DELIVER US FROM EVIL - THY WILL BE DONE ON
EARTH AS IN HEAVEN - WILL FINALLY BE FULLY REALIZED

**Study this week's lesson to prepare for Sabbath, January 20.*

SUNDAY

January 14

The Lord Has Made Us

Read Psalm 8 and Psalm 100. How are God and people portrayed in these Psalms? What do these Psalms reveal about God's character?

THIS IS WHY WE CAN SING EVEN A JOYFUL NOISE

- 1** Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
- 2** Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.
- 3** Know ye that the **Lord** he *is* God: *it is* He *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- 4** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.
- 5** For the **Lord** *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting; and His truth *endureth to all generations.*

Creation plays a crucial role in the Psalms, in upholding God's sovereignty. The heavens, which are "His handiwork," proclaim His glory and power (*Ps. 19:1-4, Ps. 97:6*). God's name is majestic in all the earth (*Ps. 8:1, 9*). The Lord has created everything; He has no beginning (*Ps. 93:2*) and no end (*Ps. 102:25-27*). He is everlasting and superior over the gods of the nations, which are only "the work of men's hands" (*Ps. 115:4*), nothing more. The idols "have hands, but they handle not" (*Ps. 115:7*); as for the Lord, "in his hand are the deep places of the earth. . . . and his hands formed the dry land" (*Ps. 95:4, 5*).

Several psalms portray God's power over the forces in nature that other nations believed to be divine (*for example, Psalm 29, Psalm 93, Psalm 104*). These psalms reassert the claim that the Lord reigns over all creation and is supreme in power and dignity. Psalm 100:3 strikes one subtle form of idolatry—self-reliance, stressing that God made us, "and not we ourselves."

Creation also testifies to God's love. Everything that exists owes its existence to God, who also sustains life (*Ps. 95:7, Ps. 147:4-9*). Notice that God did not only grant people existence, He made ancient Israel "His people and the sheep of His pasture" (*Ps. 100:3, NKJV*). The notion of "His people" and

"His sheep" reveals God's desire for a close relationship with His people.

Only the Creator has the power to bless and cause His people to increase, and thus, He is the only One worthy of their worship and trust. Numerous psalms call everything that has breath, all the earth, the sea, and everything in it to shout for joy before the Lord.

The glory of God is seen in the creation, even in the fallen earthly creation, and the Psalms point us to God alone as worthy of worship.

"What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?" (Ps. 8:4, NKJV). What is your response to God as your Creator? When God calls the stars by their names (Ps. 147:4), how much more do you think God cares for you?