PSALM 93 – The Eternal Reign of the LORD!

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OUR GOD REIGNS – L. E. Smith/Fettke & Beddia/Gaither (3:23)

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming News of happiness. Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Chorus: Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! (2X)
Out of the tomb He came With grace and majesty; He is alive, He is alive. God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side. Yes, we know He is alive. [Chorus]

PSALM 93 is the Psalm of Omnipotent Sovereignty! The LORD, despite all opposition, reigns supreme. Possibly at the time this was written the nation was in danger from its enemies and the hopes of the people of God were encouraged by remembering that the LORD was still King. What sweeter and surer consolation could they desire?

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Psa 93:1 The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed. He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

- The Lord reigns, or Jehovah reigns. Whatever opposition may arise, His throne is unmoved; He has reigned, does reign, and will reign for ever and ever! Whatever turmoil and rebellion there may be beneath the clouds, the eternal King sits above all in supreme serenity; and everywhere He is really Master! Let His foes rage as they may. (Psa 2:1,4) Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? [4] He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision.
- *He is clothed with majesty.* With majesty (dignity, sovereignty) itself! Everything which surrounds Him is majestic. His is not the semblance but the reality of sovereignty! The majesty of earthly princes, compared with God's terrible majesty, is but like the glimmerings of a glow-worm or firefly, compared with the brightness of the sun when He goes forth in His strength
- The Lord is clothed with strength. His garments of glory are not His only array. He wears strength also as His girdle. Thy kingdom come" should be our daily prayer: that the Lord Jesus does actually reign should be our daily praise. (Psa 65:6) Who established the mountains by His strength, Being clothed with power;
- The world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. Unless He moves it! Because Jehovah reigns terrestrial things for a while are stable. We could not be sure of anything if we were not sure that He has dominion. (Psa 96:10) Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously." (Col 1:17) He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Psa 93:2 Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

- Thy throne is established of old. It is a title without a flaw in it. And it is ancient, from the beginning of time, before any other rule, principality, or power was erected, as it will continue when all other rule, principality, and power shall be put down.
- You are from everlasting. The Lord himself is eternal. Let the believer rejoice that the government under which he dwells has an immortal ruler at its head, has existed from all eternity and will flourish when all created things shall have forever passed away. Vain are the rebellions of mortals, the kingdom of God is not shaken.

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

- The floods have lifted up, O LORD. Men have raged like angry waves of the sea, but vain has been their tumult. Observe that the Psalmist turns to the Lord when he sees the billows foam, and hears the breakers roar; he does not waste his breath by talking to the waves, or to violent men; but like Hezekiah he spreads the blasphemies of the wicked before the Lord.
- The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves. These repetitions are needed for the sake both of the poetry and the music, but they also suggest the frequency and the violence of wicked assaults upon the government of God, and the repeated defeats which they sustain.

Psa 93:4 The LORD on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters, Than the mighty waves of the sea.

• The LORD on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters. The utmost of their power is to Him but a

- sound and he can readily master it, therefore he calls it a noise by way of contempt. (*Mar 4:39*) Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.
- Than the mighty waves of the sea. When the storm raises Atlantic billows, and drives them on with terrific force, the Lord is still able to restrain them, and so also when impious men are haughty and full of rage the Lord is able to subdue them and overrule their malice.

Psa 93:5 Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.

- Your testimonies are <u>very</u> sure. As in providence the throne of God is fixed beyond all risk, so in revelation His truth is beyond all question. There are comparisons to Baal is some of the thoughts in this Psalm. We see God is superior in every way. Here He is faithful to His word. He is the gracious God who speaks to His people. He is the Holy God of Scripture, who is approached by His people. He is the eternal God whom we worship, as did the people of ancient Israel
- <u>Holiness adorns</u> (it is fitting, it becomes) Your house, O LORD, <u>forever!</u> Truth changes not in its doctrines, which are very sure, nor holiness in its precepts, which are incorruptible. The teaching and the character of God are both unaltered. God has not admitted evil to dwell with Him. He will not tolerate it in His house. He is eternally its enemy and is forever the sworn friend of holiness. Does holiness adorn, magnify, my life? Is my holiness growing? Only His word and you, will never pass away!

SUMMARY:

- The whole Psalm is most impressive, and is calculated to comfort the distressed, confirm the weak, and assist the devout. O You who are so great and gracious a King, reign over us forever! We do not desire to question or restrain Your power, such is Your character that we rejoice to see You exercise the rights of an absolute Monarch. All power is in Your hands, and we rejoice to have it so! Hosanna! Hosanna!
- *The LORD reigns*, is the first word and the main doctrine of the Psalm, and holiness is the final result: a due esteem for the great King will lead us to adopt a behavior becoming His royal presence. Divine sovereignty both confirms the promises as sure testimonies, and enforces the precepts as seemly and becoming in the presence of so great a Lord.

WHEN I LOOK INTO YOUR HOLINESS – Kent Henry/Integrity – (3:35)

When I look into Your holiness When I gaze into Your loveliness (Your loveliness)
When all things that surround become shadows In the light of You (In the light of You)
When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart When my will becomes enthroned in Your love
When all things that surround become shadows In the light of You (Light of You)
I worship You I worship You The reason I live is to worship You.
I worship You I worship You The reason I live is to worship You. (2X)

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