

Psalm 99

This Psalm continues the theme of Jesus Christ's kingship.

Psalms 99:1 [New King James] *“The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; let the earth be moved!”*

The enthronement of Jesus Christ and reign.

Psalms 99:2 [New King James] *“The LORD is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples.”*

The universal rulership centred at Zion and has authority over all humanity.

Psalms 99:3 [New King James] *“Let them praise Your great and awesome name, He is holy.”*

Human response to Him is to praise His Holy Name, that is His character.

Psalms 99:4 [New King James] *“The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”*

The only people mentioned by the Psalmist is Jacob and the topic is the nature of the Creator God's reign among His chosen people.

“The King's strength also loves justice,” means that He delights to use His royal power in doing what is right.

This is shown in three ways –

- a) By establishing the people as a society based on equality, a direct reference to the just and equitable laws and statutes He had given the people through Moses.
- b) By his continuing to insist upon and enforce rules of justice and standards of righteousness, through acts of wrath and punishments against their rebellions [**Judges 2:11-12** for example] and by the corrective messages given by His prophets [for example **1 Kings 21:17-24**].
- c) By providing a way for the people to worship in His very presence, made welcome before His holiness.

Psalms 99:5 [New King James] *“Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His footstool, He is holy.”*

“His footstool” refers to the ark itself. The Lord is enthroned above in the heavens and His feet rest on the very foundation of all His reign, the place where the Holy law of God is stored and satisfied by the sprinkled blood of the atonement on the mercy seat.

Psalms 99:6-8 [New King James] *“Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel was among those who called upon His name; they called upon the LORD, and He answered them. He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; they kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them. You answered them, O LORD our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, though You took vengeance on their deeds.”*

This section deals with God's dealings with these men He used in a powerful way to guide His people, rather than what God did through them for others.

This therefore stresses what “kingship” means when it is applied to an individual life.

- a) The privilege of answered prayer, [verse 6].
- b) The obligation of obedience to revelation, [verse 7].
- c) The submissiveness to the merciful discipline of the Creator God, [verse 8].

Every true Christian can apply all of these three above in their personal relationship with the Creator God.

Scriptures we should meditate on in conjunction to the above relationship are –

Matthew 6:5-15 [New King James] *“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray: ‘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 forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.’ For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”*

A guide to our prayer life.

Matthew 7:21-25 [New King James] *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness! Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.”*

We must obey every new revelation of the Truth that we receive through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, [John 16:13].

Hebrews 12:7-11 [New King James] *“If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”*

It is through this discipline that the very character of the Creator God, His holiness is formed in us.

This is something that we can thank and praise the Creator God for every day.