

The Lord Reigns

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[Psalm 93:1-5] 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. 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 waves. 4 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea. 5 Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.

1. Turbulent Times and Our Faith

I repent for having neglected my mission of sharing the words of God with you. I have allowed myself to fall into the abyss of depression and stupor wondering “Is the Lord reigning? Is He watching what goes on in America, in Korea and in the rest of the world?” As I wallowed in the deep mire of sadness and low spiritual state, I lost sight of the God-given mission and thought I would simply let go of the God-given assignment for a while. Then the Lord came visiting and strengthened me.

When the prophet Elijah became dreadful of the personal threat of the evil Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab of Israel, and fled to the Judean wilderness, God sent an angel to him, provided food to eat, touched him and gave him a travel order to meet God in Mt. Horeb [1 Kings 19:1-8]. What Elijah needed was God’s word of assurance and a vision of way ahead. God provided them to him, and Elijah regained his strength and resumed his mission.

Today we live in an evil world. During President Trump’s four years in the White House, his administration made corrections on the many ungodly and radical left rules, laws and guidelines. It was a period that gave hope and encouragement to all conservative Christians in America and the rest of the world. However, the far-left cabals of America committed an extremely corrupt election frauds in the 2020 election so that the nation’s political leadership went over into the inept and corrupt Joe Biden, who has sold his soul to the Communist China and the Democratic Party gained the majority in both the Senate and the House of the Congress. Since then, the nation has fallen into a series of Antifa and BLM riots, dismantling of the Trump era norms and laws, which are being replaced with immoral, anti-God rules and laws, the mindless opening of the southern border, and the irrational lockdown of the whole society under the excuse of the COVID-19 pseudo-science guidelines, particularly in the Democrat ruled states. Individual rights and freedom have severely been limited and infringed upon so that the American society is rapidly becoming a socialist nation instead of a free democratic country.

Moreover, Biden’s unwise execution of the closure plan of the Afghan war, which has dragged on for the past 20 years while draining the nation’s resources on the unnecessary cause of Afghan nation building, has made much of the people angry and exacerbated as billions of dollars’ worth military hardware and weaponry were left in the hands of Taliban while many of the American citizens were left stranded in the country as the military pulled out totally. I served in Afghanistan, as some of you know, as an advisor to the Afghan Ministry of Defense for 12 months during the 2013-14 period. Perhaps because of this experience, Biden’s failure to properly conclude the war came to be as a shockingly grievous failure. All these conditions of the nation can be compared to the spiritual and moral corruption that Ahab and Jezebel drove the northern Israel some three thousand years ago so that many righteous souls, at least 7,000 and Elijah, experienced serious anger and frustration as we are experiencing them today.

As we ponder over the state of the nation today, we cannot help but wonder if God is interested in the welfare of this nation and of the world. Does He reign in this world, does He have a plan for eradicating the evils of the world and restoring His justice and order? The full trust and confidence we had in God’s sovereignty and justice are being eroded as we fall into the hurtful meditations that are not edifying. Such has been my experience and I fully empathize with those of you if you also have had such experiences. That is why we attempt to set ourselves

before the throne of God today in an attempt to have our spiritual vision restored and our faith set in the right place with God's divine help.

2. God's Ways of Governance

The first verse of Psalm 93 says, *"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."* Lord God sits on His throne in heaven, clothed in heavenly majesty because He reigns. Unless His reign is effective His majesty does not stand. The divine power of God is infinitely more powerful than that of any being or force in the entire universe. The world is established and cannot be moved because God rules with such supreme powers. Thus sings the writer of this psalm.

However, when we see the nation and the world in such a turmoil as the forces of Satan are seemingly in control, we find it difficult to agree with the spirit of this psalm. Here, God wants us to view the world from His viewpoint. Although the world is seemingly in confusion and the events are flowing against divine principles and our godly hopes, we need to be reminded that the divine plan of God is being fulfilled exactly according to His good purpose and will. As Lord Jesus was hanging on a cross on Calvary's hill and shedding His blood, there was total darkness over Jerusalem for three hours. As God looked down on His son suffering and dying for the sinners while bearing all of their sins on His shoulders, God refused the dying Savior and left Him in darkness for three hours and the next three days in the darkness of death. Such was the only way for God's plan of human salvation could be fulfilled. Unaware of such a divine plan and will, the disciples and followers scattered in total despondence, fear and confusion. Perhaps some of you have had similar experiences, especially during the recent months.

The psalmist sings, "The world is established and cannot be moved." We need a radical shift in our vision to believe that the world cannot be moved in God's eyes and His plan and purpose are moving on as He wills. The government is imposing the American people to be vaccinated, even against their personal desires, whereas many vaccinated people are suffering severe reactions and have died. A United Kingdom report says some 65 percent of Covid related deaths were of fully-vaccinated people. So, many people including myself fear that the Covid-19 vaccines might not be helpful in overcoming the risk of this disease. In fact, there are highly effective remedies known and available to people who experience the Covid symptoms, as these doctors declare:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWBC-JX6lsg>

The irrational and dogmatic manner in which the government is forcing even healthy young people and children to be vaccinated is indicative of the prophesied mandatory imposition of the 666 marks of the beast during the seven-year tribulation period:

[Revelation 13:16-18] He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

We have not entered this period yet. But, the manner of governing of the present radical-left ruling powers of this nation is strongly suggestive of the degree of suffering and how the people's liberties will be deprived during the tribulation period, which will come after the prophesied rapture of true Christians. The present state of the world also helps us appreciate how precious is the privilege of being raptured BEFORE the tribulation period so that we will be with the Lord Jesus while those who are left behind must go through unspeakable sufferings and tribulations without Christ and without God's mercy. Friends, let us earnestly desire to be included in the grand rapture plan of Christ and examine our spiritual state carefully so that we are counted worthy when He comes.

God wants His people on the earth to continue keeping their pure, unadulterated faith in spite of the present evils in the world, in spite of the losses that come from being faithful, and to be brave in keeping true to their

profession. The apostle Paul encouraged the Christians of the first century, who were facing much greater persecution and harassment from the evil powers of the first century, to fight the spiritual evils rather than the human harassers, by being equipped with the spiritual armor, as follows:

[Ephesians 6: 11-13] Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Some pastors teach their congregants to show compliance to all government policies and directions. During the 1930-1945 period in Germany, the church taught the people to support and follow the leadings of the Nazi Hitler regime. Consequently, most all Christians, except very few including Dietrich Bonhoeffer, allowed themselves to be used as tools of the Fascist government that drove the western world into a destructive turmoil and calamity. Both the Catholic Church and the Evangelical churches showed an attitude of passive acquiescence instead of active opposition against the Fascist regimes. Christians in South Korea and in the U.S. need to look into their hearts to examine their stance toward the evils of the powers in being today.

We must interpret the scriptures correctly in times such as now when the world conditions lead us into confusion and turmoil. The Bible is a record of the interactions between God and the humans. God has provided help and resources for saving people out of misery when they prayed to God in earnest and proper spirit. However, He never gave help to those whose hearts were not right before God, were not in repentant spirit, and were not in a serious seeking mode. At least I have never read such instances, although I have given unwanted assistance to my children even though they did not seek it. In the Bible we read about numerous heroes, including Noah, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samson, Elijah, Elisha, Jeremiah, Hosea, Isaiah, David, Jesus Christ, the apostle Peter, Stephan, the apostle Paul and many others. They were brave in heart, felt bothered by the conditions of the kingdom of Israel or the world where they were living, and sought God's help for saving the people out of hopeless situations. God helped them become heroes because they saw the need and went to God seeking earnestly for help. Thus, they have become examples to Christians of all eras. In South Korea, a few men like Pastor Kwanghoon Jeon are such brave fighters, fighting against the evil regime, which is driving the country toward a communist nation. Their examples speak loudly to all true Christians of this country, many of whom have been awakened and are praying for the triumph of the righteous people.

3. Let Us Fight as God's Warriors

3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves. 4 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea.

True Christians will bravely fight against the rushing floods of evil, anti-God, Satan-serving forces that swirl around us like a hurricane, armed with the weapons of indomitable faith. We can do so because God is mightier than any floods that lift up their waves against Him and His people. While serving in the Navy, I came to learn how powerful and fearsome the ocean's waves can be. Satanic floods are rushing over the lands of America, Korea and the world so as to dominate such lands. Nevertheless, the mighty power of the Almighty God is sufficient to enable His people and His angels to fight against such powers of darkness to triumph over them. Our Lord Jesus rose up after the cruel death on the cross and three days in the grave. He rose up to save us and to be an example to all of us as the mighty victor over death so that we also may be victors against the forces of evil.

[Revelation 12: 10-12] Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. 11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. 12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

There is a sure victory to those who are on God's side because our God knows no defeat. God will bring Satan and his cohorts to their final fate of eternal damnation. If we have a clear vision as to where the present evil forces will end up in a short time, our strengths will be restored like eagles which fly up to the sky above unfettered by any fears of death, but buoyed by the Spirit of God. We need to pray each day to be on this joyous ride of spiritual height to overcome and to be victors. Our prayers need to reach the throne so that God, upon hearing our earnest prayers, will rise up to fight the enemy Himself. Let us fight on as God's might warriors. Amen.