

Evening Sermon Outline – February 21, 2021

“God’s Eternal Rule” Psalm 93

I. *One of the great teachings of Scripture is the LORD reigns – <sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns... Psalm 93:1 A*

1. *God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, the Triune God rules this world!*

2. *Satan was elected, by men when they sinned, when we had opportunity to choose Jesus over a criminal, the people cried out –*

<sup>40</sup> Then they all cried again, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber. John 18:40 (NKJV)

A. *Satan is the “god” of this age, meaning temporarily –*

<sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

<sup>4</sup> whose minds **the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. <sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:3–6 (NKJV)

B. *Satan blinds his followers – <sup>↑</sup>2 Corinthians 4:4*

C. *Jesus is the Light that shines in dark places –*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. Isaiah 9:2 (NKJV)

D. *He rules eternally –*

<sup>6</sup> For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and peace *There will be no end*, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even

forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6–7 (NKJV)

3. *God in this Psalm is said to be “clothed with majesty”; Psalm 93:1 B*

*He is clothed with majesty.” Not with emblems of majesty, but with majesty itself: everything which surrounds him is majestic.*

C. H. Spurgeon

4. *The fact God is clothed, is emphasized here, not that God needs clothing as we do, but the idea is metaphorical. God being clothed means He is never vulnerable as we would rightly think nakedness makes us, but rather -*

**The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Psalm 93:1 C – 93:1 D (NKJV)**

*The Psalm assumes attacks from the enemy, and girded with strength implies God is always ready, He is never caught off guard!*

5. *A stable world is a symbol, an example of God’s control – Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. Psalm 93:1 E*

II. *One of the great symbols of God’s reign is His throne -*

<sup>2</sup> Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting. Psalm 93:2

1. *When we think of a throne, what we have in mind is a great chair –*

2. *People who overly emphasize being literal with the Bible might insist on a great chair, but rather what is communicated here is God’s absolute RULE, His Sovereignty, His Kingdom –*

*As God is eternal, so is His rule!*

“God is dead. God remains dead. And we have killed him. How shall we comfort ourselves, the murderers of all murderers? What was holiest and

mightiest of all that the world has yet owned has bled to death under our knives: who will wipe this blood off us? What water is there for us to clean ourselves? What festivals of atonement, what sacred games shall we have to invent? Is not the greatness of this deed too great for us? Must we ourselves not become gods simply to appear worthy of it?"

– Friedrich Nietzsche

*Now, the truth is Nietzsche is dead, and he has faced the living God, he realizes how dreadfully, how terribly his famous statement is WRONG!*

III. *The floods here are also symbolic, they represent the onslaught of an ungodly world upon God's people –*

<sup>3</sup> **The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves. Psalm 93:3**

*The Psalmist in no way minimalizes the power of an ungodly world coming against God's people –*

1. *Jesus Himself warned us of persecution –*

<sup>18</sup> **"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. John 15:18 (NKJV)**

2. *Satan brings his floods of sin, immorality, lawlessness, lies and violence against the church –*

<sup>15</sup> **So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. Revelation 12:15**

3. *Three times these "floods" plural are mentioned in Psalm 93:3 to emphasize the greatness, the terror, the variety and multiplicity of the attacks, Satan and an ungodly world might bring against us –*

"For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal. Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;" Martyn Luther

IV. *God is greater, God is mightier than the "noise" of many waters –*

<sup>4</sup> **The LORD on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters, Than the mighty waves of the sea. Psalm 93:4**

1. *The picture is a high, rocky shoreline where the waves crash and die!*

2. *God is mightier than anything this world or even the Devil can bring against us, so the application is –*

<sup>10</sup> **Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:10–11 (NKJV)**

V. *God's Word is SURE, Holy and Eternal –*

<sup>5</sup> **Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever. Psalm 93:5 (NKJV)**

1. *Very sure means dependable, solid –*

<sup>5</sup> **Your testimonies are very sure ... Psalm 93:5 A**

2. *"Holiness adorns Your house" ... is a reference today to HOW DIFFERENT God's people are –*

<sup>14</sup> **Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, Philippians 2:14–15 (NKJV)**

A. *We are God's house, His temple, note just as Psalm 93 says Holiness adorns Your house, so we are called to be holy, separate from and different than an ungodly sinful world –*

<sup>16</sup> **Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. 1 Corinthians 3:16–17 (NKJV)**

B. *Holiness is our eternal state, decoration, style - Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever. Psalm 93:5 (NKJV)*

*Too often "holiness" is called old fashioned by an ungodly world, but here we are told "Holiness" is always in style! Never out of date!*

*Arnold Brevick*