

Psalms 93

This evening - we're continuing our overview of the Old Testament book titled Psalms.

With this as our focus - let's open our Bibles to Psalms chapter 93 - and as we make our way to the 93rd Psalm...

...I should take a moment to point out that this is yet another anonymous Psalm - whose authorship is unknown.

And as I pointed out in our last two studies - one-third of the psalms were written by an anonymous Psalter...

...which includes the Psalm that we're studying tonight.

And while we can't say for sure who wrote the lyrics of this song - it's interesting to note that...

...this Psalm is the first of eight Psalms - that have been called by some - the theocratic Psalms.

The reason why is because - this slate of eight Psalms - beginning with the one we're studying tonight...

...are focused on the sovereign reign of Yahweh - Who has clothed Himself in majesty.

The theocratic Psalms are also Messianic in nature - as they ultimately point to the enthronement of the One - Who is the King of kings.

And as we make our way through this series of Psalms - we will consider the glorious majesty of our Messiah...

...to Whom belongs blessing and glory and wisdom - thanksgiving and honor and power and might - forever and ever - Amen.

With this as our focus - let's turn our attention to the lyrics that we find here in the 93rd Psalm.

Look with me - beginning there at verse 1 - where the Psalmist declared...

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

Here in the beginning of this Psalm - we find the Psalmist - singing the praises of the LORD.

And as we consider how the title - LORD - is found in all caps - I should remind you that...

...the capital letters serve as an indicator that helps us to see that the psalmist was invoking the Holy name of God.

It's for this reason that the scholars who rendered the Legacy Standard Bible rendered verse 1 in this way...

Psa 93:1 Yahweh reigns, He is clothed with majesty;
Yahweh has clothed and girded Himself with strength;
Indeed, the world is established, it will not be shaken.

From this - we can see that - Yahweh is the LORD Who reigns on high.

And Yahweh is the One Who is clothed with majesty.

That word - majesty - found there in the middle of verse 1 was translated from a Hebrew word...

...which was used in reference to the royal power of our God.

And so we see that - the LORD has clothed Himself with royal power.

Not only that - but - it's there in the second half of verse 1 - where we learn that Yahweh has also clothed Himself with strength.

That word - strength - can also be rendered - splendor - and glory.

And what this means is that - the God Who reigns on high...

...has clothed Himself with royal power - splendor - and glory.

In order to grasp the way that the LORD clothes Himself - let's take a closer look at the 93rd Psalm.

Look with me again - there at verse 1 - where the Psalmist declared...

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The LORD is clothed,
He has girded Himself with strength.
Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.
Psa 93:2 Your throne is established from of old;
You are from everlasting.

So - according to the Psalmist - the One Who established the world...

...is the everlasting LORD - Who is seated upon a throne.

And just to be clear - I should take a moment to point out that the word - everlasting...

...was translated from a Hebrew word - which in this context...

...speaks of the continuous existence of our Creator.

In other words - the LORD - Who is enthroned over His creation - is the God Who's existence is without beginning - or end.

He is the infinite One - Who exists outside of time and space.

And with that being the case - He is also the immaterial - and invisible One...

...Who clothes Himself in royal power - splendor - and glory.

With this in mind - we should spend some time - considering the way in which the LORD clothes Himself.

And so - hold your place here in the book of Psalms - and let's turn in our Bibles - to the book of Isaiah.

Let's turn to Isaiah chapter 6 - where we find the prophet Isaiah...

...describing his vision of the Lord.

As we make our way to the sixth chapter of Isaiah - I should take a moment to point out that...

...it was about 17 years before the northern tribes of Israel were carried away into Assyria...

...when the prophet Isaiah caught a glimpse of the Lord - seated upon His throne.

And its here in Isaiah chapter 6 - where he presents us with his vision.

Look with me - beginning there at verse 1 - where Isaiah declared....

Isa 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Isa 6:2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

Isa 6:3 And one cried to another and said:
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

The whole earth is full of His glory!”

Isa 6:4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

Here in these verses - we find the prophet Isaiah - describing his vision of One Who reigns on high.

And while it's true that the throne of the Lord was high and lifted up - in the heavens of heaven...

...it's also true that the Lord was clothed in a robe - that included a train - or a hem...

...which filled the temple there in Jerusalem.

How incredible is that? - - the train of His robe filled the temple.

Isaiah also saw the Seraphim - which are celestial beings that proclaim the praises of the Lord.

And according to Isaiah - the temple there in Jerusalem shook - as the Seraphim cried out...

“...Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”

Can you imagine what it was like - to witness royal power of the Lord?

Let's consider Isaiah's reaction - which is found there in verse 5 - where he declared...

Isa 6:5 “Woe is me, for I am undone!
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King,
The LORD of hosts.”

Yep - - that sounds right - - the prophet Isaiah quickly realized that he was undone.

In other words - Isaiah was at a loss for words - - and he was quickly humbled by the very sight of the Lord's robe.

Remember - the Lord clothes Himself in royal power - splendor - and glory.

And while Isaiah doesn't really provide us with a detailed description of the Lord's robe...

...what we do know is that it was overwhelming.

Thankfully for us - the prophet Daniel presents us with more information about the clothing of the Lord.

And so - continue holding your place - there in the book of Psalms - and let's turn in our Bibles to Daniel chapter 7.

It's here in the seventh chapter of Daniel - where we find the prophet Daniel...

...presenting us with a description of the throne room there in Heaven...

...where the Ancient of Days is ruling and reigning over His creation.

Let's consider how the prophet Daniel described it - here in Daniel 7 - look with me beginning there at verse 9 - where he declared...

Dan 7:9 "I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment was white as snow,
And the hair of His head was like pure wool.
His throne was a fiery flame,
Its wheels a burning fire;
Dan 7:10 A fiery stream issued
And came forth from before Him.

A thousand thousands ministered to Him;
Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.
The court was seated,
And the books were opened.

Here in these verses - we find the prophet Daniel - describing the garment of the LORD - as being white as snow.

And while this description might seem a bit underwhelming...

...I should remind you about the way that Mark described the clothing that Jesus was wearing...

...at the time of His transfiguration.

It's in Mark chapter 9 - verse 3 - where Mark tells us that...

Mar 9:3 His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

According to Mark - the robe of the Lord Jesus was exceedingly white.

And much like snow that shimmers in the light - - the robe of the Lord is whiter than any launderer on earth can whiten them.

And that's probably the same sort of robe that Daniel saw there in the throne room of the Lord.

At the same time - Daniel also tells us that the throne of the LORD was a fiery flame.

And as we consider the way in which a fiery stream issued forth from before His throne...

...it seems to me that the throne room of God is going to be brilliant...

...as the majesty of the Lord is manifest for all to see.

We should also consider Daniel's vision of the day when the Ancient of Days will exalt the humanity of our Messiah.

Look with me again - there at Daniel 7 - let's begin reading at verse 13 where the prophet Daniel declared...

Dan 7:13 "I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, One like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.

Dan 7:14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom the one
Which shall not be destroyed.

Here in these verses - we find Daniel describing the day when the Messiah will receive everlasting dominion.

It's at that point in time when the Ancient of Days will glorify the Lord Jesus...

...as He establishes His Millennial kingdom - here on the Earth.

And while it's true that we're still waiting for this prophecy to be fulfilled...

...it's also true that the first advent of our Messiah helps us to understand...

...how the LORD has clothed Himself with
in royal power - splendor - and glory.

With this as our focus - let's consider how the apostle John described the incarnation of our Savior - Jesus.

Continue holding your place there in the book of Psalms - and let's turn in our Bibles - to the first chapter of John's gospel account.

And as we make our way to John chapter 1 - I wanna take a moment to remind you that...

...the apostle John began this book - with a focus on the deity of the Lord Jesus.

And he did this by assuring his audience that the Word was with God....

...AND the Word - WAS God.

With this in mind - let's consider how John described the incarnation of the Word - here in John chapter 1.

Look with me - beginning there at verse 14 - where we learn that...

Jhn 1:14 ...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jhn 1:15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'"

Jhn 1:16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

Jhn 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Jhn 1:18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Here in these verses - we learn about the way in which the Word became flesh - and dwelt among us.

In other words - the infinite Logos of the LORD clothed Himself with humanity...

...in order to declare - or - reveal the invisible - immaterial God - Who reigns on high.

I like the way that Paul explained it - in Colossians chapter 1 - it's beginning at verse 15 - where we learn that...

Col 1:15 (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the preeminent over all creation.

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Col 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Col 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

Col 1:20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

I love this section of scripture - because - it helps us to see that - the Logos of the invisible LORD...

...humbled Himself - by clothing Himself with humanity - so that He could come and tabernacle among us.

Then - after He offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins...

...the deity of the Lord Jesus was restored to the same glory He had with the Father...

...prior to His incarnation.

Let's consider how the apostle John explained it - in the book of Revelation.

And so - continue holding your place there in Psalms - I promise we'll come back to it...

...but for now - let's turn to Revelation chapter 1 - - because - it's in the first chapter of Revelation...

...where we find the apostle John - describing his first vision of our risen Lord.

And as we consider this description - it's important to understand that...

...the resurrected body of the Lord Jesus was apparently glorified...

...after His ascension into Heaven.

Let's consider how the apostle John described it - here in Revelation 1 - look with me - beginning there at verse 10 - where he declared...

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

Rev 1:11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Rev 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

Rev 1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

Rev 1:14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

Rev 1:15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

Rev 1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

Rev 1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

Rev 1:18 "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Here in these verses - we find John - describing His vision of the Lord Jesus - Who is now clothed in glory.

And as we consider the typical paintings that depicts our risen Lord — I can assure you that ...

...these images pale in comparison to the royal power - splendor - and glory of our resurrected Redeemer.

And in order to further prove my point - let's flip forward to Revelation chapter 4.

It's here in the 4th chapter of Revelation - where John presents us with another vision of the Lord upon His throne.

Look with me - beginning there at verse 1 - where the apostle declared...

Rev 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

Rev 4:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

Rev 4:3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

Rev 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

Rev 4:5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Here in these verses - we find the apostle John - describing the glory of our risen Lord.

And as we consider this description - it's important for us to remember that...

...the infinite deity of the Logos has been restored to the same glory that He had - before the incarnation.

And while it's true that this glory was clothed with humanity - during the days of His earthly ministry...

...it's also true that the royal power - splendor - and glory of the Logos...

...is not manifest on the throne of grace.

At the same time - the scars of our Savior's sacrifice are also visible - there on the same throne.

Let's consider how the apostle John put it - in Revelation chapter 5 - look with me beginning at verse 1 - where he declared...

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

Rev 5:2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

Rev 5:3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

Rev 5:4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

Rev 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Rev 5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Here in these verses - we find the apostle John - referring to our risen Lord - as the Lion of the tribe of Judah - and the Root of David.

But then - he looks in the midst of the throne - and it's there where he sees a Lamb - as though it had been slain.

This of course is a reference to the humanity of the Lord Jesus...

...which was slain like a Lamb sent to the slaughter.

While He was here on the Earth - the Logos of the Lord was clothed with the humility of humanity.

But now that He has ascended into heaven - the humanity of Jesus is clothed in deity...

...as the slain lamb is now clothed with the royal power - the splendor - and the glory of the Logos.

And it's for this reason that the Psalmist proclaimed the praises...

...of the LORD - Who is clothed with majesty - and girded with supernatural strength.

With all of this in mind - let's make our way back to the 93rd Psalm - where we find the psalmist - magnifying the might of our Messiah.

Look with me - beginning there at verse 3 - where the Psalmist declared...

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

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

Here in these verses - we find the Psalmist - expounding upon the supernatural strength of the LORD.

I'll remind you - it was back in verse 1 - where he described the Lord as the One...

...Who established the world - so that it can't be moved from its annual orbit.

And now - here in verses 3 and 4 - he reminded his readers that...

...the LORD is mightier than the mighty waves of the sea.

Now - I'm sure we all realize how powerful the waves of the sea can be.

If not - then - it might interest you to know that - nearly 700 commercial ships sank - between 2015 and 2024.

That's an average of nearly 70 ships - every year.

And you better believe that it takes a great amount of force to sink a commercial ship.

With this in mind - we should consider the way in which the Lord Jesus calmed a storm - with nothing more than a word.

Hold your place here in the book of Psalms - and let's turn in our Bibles to the gospel of Mark.

I'd like you to turn to Mark chapter 4 - - and as we make our way to the 4th chapter of Mark's gospel account...

...I should take a moment to remind you that - Christ Jesus is the incarnation of our Creator.

And with that being the case - we shouldn't be surprised by the fact that...

...our Messiah is mightier than the mighty waves of the sea.

Let's consider Mark's account of this miracle - - look with me there at Mark chapter 4 - beginning at verse 35 - where Mark declared...

Mar 4:35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side."

Mar 4:36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

Mar 4:37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

Mar 4:38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

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.

Mar 4:40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"

Mar 4:41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

Christian - listen - the Lord Jesus was able to calm the storm with nothing more than a word...

...and the reason why is because - the deity of the Lord Jesus created the world - and everything in it.

This was precisely the point that Paul was making in Colossians 1 - it's beginning at verse 16 - where he declared...

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Jesus can calm the storm - - and He can create the storm.

He created the Sun - and He can stop the Sun in the sky.

He created the Heavens and the Earth - - and He can shake the creation...

...until He removes those things that are being shaken.

And with all of this being the case - there is nothing for us to fear.

Christian - listen - if you fell like the disciples who were filled with fear...

...because - you're watching the waves sinking your ship - - while Jesus is sleeping in the stern...

...please trust me when I tell you that there's nothing to fear.

Our Messiah is mightier than the storms of this world.

And in this - we can rejoice.

Not only that - but - we can also rejoice in knowing that the Lord will never fail us - - because His testimonies are true.

Let's consider how the Psalmist explained here in the final verse of the 93rd Psalm - it's there at verse 5 - where he declared...

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

I like the way that the scholars who created the Amplified Bible rendered this verse - they put it like this...

Psa 93:5 Your precepts are fully confirmed and completely reliable;
Holiness adorns Your house,
O LORD, forever.

In other words - the LORD Who sits enthroned over all of creation...

...is also the One Who will always fulfill every promise - because - He dwells in an eternal state of holiness.

If the Lord said - He will do it - - and the reason why is because - He cannot lie.

I like the way Paul put it in 2nd Corinthians chapter 1 - it's beginning at verse 20 - where he declared...

2Co 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

2Co 1:21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,

2Co 1:22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Christian - listen - the promises that God has made - will be fulfilled.

And this of course includes the promise of salvation - to those who trust in Jesus Christ.

If you've placed your faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ...

...then you can rejoice in knowing that - our Savior has sealed us with the guarantee of His Holy Spirit.

And with that being the case - we can rest in knowing that the precepts of the Lord are fully confirmed and completely reliable.

Therefore - we can look forward to the day when we will be received into the house of the Lord...

...where we will bask in the Holiness of the Lord - forevermore.