

LESSON 2

God is King Over His Creation

Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1

For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, people are without excuse, Romans 1:20.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of his hands, Psalm 19:1.

Class Overview: This lesson emphasizes that God's authority is grounded in His identity as the Creator of all things. Romans 1:20 and Psalm 19:1 declare that His power and divine nature are clearly seen in creation, leaving humanity without excuse. Even though mankind often denies His rule, the consequences of sin remain visible in suffering, death, and brokenness throughout the world. Yet God has not left us without hope—He offers blessings such as trust, wisdom, and confidence to all who submit to His reign. The only proper solution to life's deepest problems is surrender to God, the eternal King of the universe.

Class Objectives:

By the end of this class, you should be able to:

1. Recognize that God's authority is rooted in His role as Creator.
 2. Understand the futility of resisting or denying God's rule.
 3. Identify the consequences of rejecting God's authority in creation.
 4. Appreciate the blessings of submitting to God as King.
 5. Apply trust, wisdom, and confidence in God's reign to daily life.
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Introduction

Previously, we learned that God's authority existed before the world was created. Although we cannot see God Himself with our physical eyes, Paul mentions His attributes in Romans 1:20. The Psalmist also declares that God's existence is clearly visible. God's rule and authority have always been in place. In this lesson, we will explore why this is true and examine events that clearly demonstrate how God's authority and laws continue to govern us, even when we refuse to acknowledge Him.

Understanding God's Inherent Authority

1. The Creator's Authority.
 - a. Genesis 1:1 – God created.

- i. John 1:3 – All things were made through Him.
 - ii. Psalm 8:3-4 – Consider the implications of a creator and our relationship with him.
- b. Scripture reminds us how small we are compared to the Creator:
 - i. Job 7:17: *What is a mere human, that you think so highly of him and pay so much attention to him?*
 - ii. Hebrews 2:6: *But someone somewhere has testified: What is man that you remember him, or the son of man that you care for him?*
 - 1. In other words, how insignificant are we in all of creation?
 - 2. Understanding the insignificant nature of humanity in comparison to all of Creation should inspire awe for the power and authority of God.
- c. Our unwillingness to acknowledge God as King does not thwart the reality of His power and authority over the physical world.
 - i. Proven in his consequence for sin (Genesis 3)
 - ii. Proven in his destruction of the earth by a flood (Genesis 7)
 - iii. Proven by his development of Israel for the purpose of bringing Christ into the world.
- d. God has authority because He is the Creator of everything. Therefore, we must live humbly before Him.

The Futility of Resistance

1. Genesis 3 – What recourse did we possess to eliminate the consequences of sin when God's law was broken?
 - a. We can deny God's existence, but we cannot deny the consequences that follow.
 - b. We can shift blame for the consequences, but can we eliminate the consequences?
 - c. Who controls the consequences that impact every facet of creation?
 - d. How do these facts make you feel?
2. The physical realm was cursed when we rejected the authority of the king of the universe.
3. Sickness, death, climate change, poverty ... everything that is imperfect about the physical world is the judgment of God because of sin, and no person can change that consequence.
4. Resisting God's authority leads only to futility and brokenness; therefore, denying God never removes the consequences of sin.

The King's Solution

1. The solution to every problem we face is found in surrendering to the total control of God as King of the Universe.
2. God alone provides the solution in His Kingship; therefore, hope is only found in surrender to His reign.

The Blessings of Surrender

1. Trust – Proverbs 3:5-7
2. Wisdom – Psalm 90:12; Proverbs 1:7
3. Confidence – Proverbs 3:26; 14:26
4. Submitting to Him brings real blessings; therefore, obedience brings peace, wisdom, and security.

Conclusion

Creation itself proclaims that God is King. From the vastness of the heavens to the smallest detail of life, everything testifies to His authority. Humanity may deny or resist His rule, but we cannot escape the consequences of sin or overturn His decrees. The curse on this world reminds us of our need for Him, while His blessings invite us to trust, obey, and find hope in His reign. To acknowledge God as King is not merely to admit His power; it is to humbly surrender, knowing that only under His rule can we find true wisdom, lasting peace, and eternal life.

God is King over all creation, and only by surrendering to His rule can we find true peace and hope.

For Discussion

1. How does creation itself testify to the authority of God (Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1)?
2. Why does understanding our insignificance in creation lead us to awe and humility before God?
3. What examples from Scripture show that rejecting God's authority brings unavoidable consequences?
4. How do you see the brokenness of creation (sickness, death, suffering) as connected to humanity's rejection of God?
5. What practical blessings come from living under God's rule, and how can we embrace them each day?