

“Exalted to the Right Hand of God...”

Acts 2:29-36

Topic: Christ as King

Aim: To show that Christ is now reigning with all authority over His Kingdom in fulfillment of prophecy.

1. We have, as we continue our study of the Godhead, considered the Jesus of prophecy, the crucifixion of Jesus and how the cross was the center and focus of the faith and life of the early church.
2. In this lesson we wish to consider another of the vital aspects of the Son of God and it's meaning for us.
3. That is: Jesus as the reigning King of Kings.

I. In God's covenant with Abraham, given in Genesis 12 and 15 and other places, one of God's promises was to make of Israel's seed a great nation.

A. This He did when he brought them out of Egypt.

1. But at first they were not a great nation, just what might be called a tribal confederacy tied together by a common ancestry, and faith in God defined by the Law of Moses.
2. In time a greater structure was desired and given in the form of a king.
3. The first king was Saul. The second was David.

B. To this king, King David, and his seed, significant promises were made.

1. 2 Samuel 7:12-17.
2. Later God speaks to Solomon, David's son, at the dedication of the Temple: 1 Kings 9:1-10.

C. This throne, became, for the Prophets, the symbol of God's everlasting dominion and they predicted it would last forever, and one who was promised would occupy that throne! Note: other more subtle prophecies could be quoted, but time will only allow the following in chronological order.

1. Prior to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity, Isaiah 9:6-7.
2. During the captivity, when it surely appeared the physical throne of David would never again be occupied: Daniel tells King Nebuchadnezzar his dream, Daniel 2:31-36, and its interpretation, Daniel 2:44-45.
3. Then after the return from the exile, Zechariah 6:12-13.

III. It was/is this throne that Jesus occupies. Let us now turn to the New Testament to see His kingship and rule affirmed.

A. In the Gospels.

1. It is announced to Mary that her son would reign over a kingdom without end, Luke 1:32-33.
2. The wise men came from the East to see the King of the Jews, Luke 2:1-6.
3. Jesus spoke often of the Kingdom of Heaven, can such exist without a King?
4. At His triumphal entry into Jerusalem He is declared to be a King, John 12:12-16.
5. Then there is the controversy between Jesus and Pilate as to whether or not He is the King of the Jews, John 18:33-38.
6. Pilate's conclusion? John 19:19-22.

B. In Acts.

1. Peter's declaration on Pentecost, Acts 2:29-36.
2. In Athens, Acts 17:7.

C. Finally, consider:

1. Paul's words: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Colossians 1:13.
2. The words of the Hebrew letter: Hebrews 1:8-9 (quoting Psalms 45:6-7), 8:1-2, 12:1-2.
3. Can anyone deny that the Bible teaches Jesus is a King, in fulfillment of prophecy, now reigning over His Kingdom, the church?

IV. What does it all mean?

A. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

1. 1 Timothy 6:13-16.
2. Revelation 17:14.

B. This is an affirmation of His authority, Matthew 28:18-20.

C. There is a present kingdom, manifested in the church (Matthew 16:17-19), over which He is now reigning and of which we can be a citizen.

1. "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God..."
2. We serve a risen Savior, the Christ, who now reigns over His Kingdom at the right hand of God.

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