

Kingship

Read Romans 13

We have looked at a variety of pictures of our Creator God in His holiness, love, and wisdom. In our last section we began to see *Pictures of His Power*. We saw a God who does work by filling weak, human creatures with His Almighty Spirit.

Now we begin a new picture of His power: *God Our King*. What ideas or pictures come to mind when you think of a king?

- In an absolute monarchy, the king is the sovereign ruler.
- We have a mental image of him sitting on a throne - a fancier chair raised above those around. He wears a crown, holds a scepter, and wears expensive, ornate clothing. All these are signs of authority and wealth.

But let's dig a little deeper into kingship. Where does a human individual get the power to rule as sovereign king over a country?

- He may take such power by force.
- He may be given such authority by law.
- He may be granted it by consent of the people governed.
- Scripture repeatedly asserts that in a higher sense, human government is established by God for the order of society and the protection of its people.

"Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings." (Daniel 2:20-21, NASB)

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. (Romans 13:1, NASB)

More importantly, on what basis do we consider God to be King over all?

*The earth is the Lord's and all it contains,
The world, and those who dwell in it.
For He has founded it upon the seas
And established it upon the rivers.* (Psalm 24:1-2, NASB)

God is the Creator and sovereign ruler of all the universe. All that is flows from Him.

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