

God is King over all

What authority does He have?

God – the great King

We have already seen that God is much higher than we are.

He is Spirit, eternal, infinite and all-powerful. His will is always accomplished and never frustrated. We are right then to think of Him as a great sovereign and ruler.

Normally we think of a sovereign ruling over a particular territory – usually with the consent of his or her people. God has no limits to His territory. Neither does He require consent or permission from anyone. He is not answerable to a higher court or authority neither does He have to justify his actions to anyone.

Look up Psalm 115 v.3:

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Write down Psalm 47 vv.2:

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So when we speak of God, we are considering the ruler over everything. In fact there is no country, no society, and no group of people that He is not the sovereign over. He is sovereign over all men, women, children and young people. Every nationality is included. Even parts of the world that are uninhabited are still ruled over by Him. Everything and everyone upon the earth belongs to Him.

Look up Psalm 50 vv.7-11. Write down verse 10

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God – the Creator

There are lots of different views about how the world began.

There is not the time and space to discuss them here. However, the Bible clearly teaches that the world was created and that the Creator was God. The world came into existence because of an act of God’s will. As the sovereign, He determined exactly how it should be, what its dimensions should be, how it should relate to the other parts of the galaxy, and how it should function.

Look up Genesis 1 vv.1-3 and write down verse 3:

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Then look up and write down Hebrews 11 v.3:

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In fact, by reading through all of Genesis 1, we learn the order in which God made everything, including ourselves. Because of God’s unrivalled and limitless power, it was possible for God to do something which is inconceivable to us. He did not have to depend upon an existing design, or existing materials, to create the world, but He could simply call it into being according to His own plan. Being sovereign He could make it exactly how He pleased.

The Bible also tells us He made all the peoples of the earth. Each person was known to God from all eternity.

See Acts 17 vv.26-28 and write it down verse 26

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We may now live several thousand years since God created the first two people – Adam and Eve – but in every respect this world *is* God’s creation, and He still rules over it. This is in spite of the fact that Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s law and brought sin into the world.

We call their disobedience ‘The Fall’.

God – the Sustainer

Having willed the world into existence God’s involvement did not cease at that point. Now He maintains it and keeps it.

He governs every moment of the day and night through His willing the processes and laws we depend upon, that give our world shape and form. The ‘law of gravity’ is fundamental to our existence, but we can only call it a ‘law’ because God has decided moment by moment that it should happen. All the numerous processes of nature mean that we can eat and survive. These are not determined by ‘laws of nature’ but by His will.

Read Psalm 104 vv.10-21. The write down verses 13 & 14

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Not only is this so, but God is responsible for giving life and making us the people that we are. Nothing happens without His knowledge and all we experience, even the number of days we live, is ordained by Him.

Read Job 1 v.21 and write it down:

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Also look up Psalm 139:13-16 and write down verse 14:

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It is obvious that many things which happen in this world are not good things. There is much evil. Sickness and disease affect many. Children often suffer. Famine and drought may be experienced by thousands. All this is evidence that the world has been corrupted by sin, and that men and women, although made in the image of God, are affected by sin. God is not the author of evil but He is able by His wisdom to use evil to accomplish His purposes.

God – the Judge

Since God is the ‘King over all’, He is able to set standards that He desires His subjects to live by. Since God is good and holy (as we shall see in a later study), He is perfectly equipped to be the Judge of the earth – since He will only do what is right and He will be absolutely fair. He prescribes how people should and should not live, as well as sets out the limits for our living together with one another upon earth. Because people have disobeyed His rules and laws we are all slaves to sin. Sin is that principle of evil, that we have inherited through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, which makes us ignorant of God and unable to know Him without His help. It also makes us unable to live the life He commands us to. Physical death is one of the results of sin, and is a daily reminder that He is judging mankind. But after we die we must face Him ourselves.

Write down 2 Corinthians 5 v.10:

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Also write down Hebrews 9 v.27:

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Nobody will be able to escape this judgment, or make excuses and absent themselves.

Look and see what Acts 17 v.31 says:

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Since God knows all things and sees all things, He will be able to judge us all perfectly. Everything about us will be known to Him.

Hebrews 4 v.13 tells us this. Write down what it says:

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It is an awesome prospect. Central to this truth will be God’s Son, Jesus Christ. God has appointed Him to be our Judge (look at John 5 vv.22-23). In fact, the only way that the sovereign Judge will permit us to spend eternity in His presence after death is if we have trusted in His Son to save us from our sins. His Son died, when He came to this earth two thousand years ago, so that He might be punished for sin instead of sinners – that He might be judged in their place. By faith in Him, we can endure the judgement of God.

Look up and write down John 5 v.24:

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Then do the same with John 6 v.47:

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It is sobering enough to remember that we will all die. It is an even more sobering thought to realise that we will be required to stand before the 'King over All', and will have to give an account for our lives. It is an appointment we all must keep. We will find that God has a record of every word we have spoken, and every deed we have committed.

That day will be when the Lord Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, returns to this earth from heaven. That will be the end of this world as we know it, and it will be the beginning of a new world where sin and suffering are absent.

Some questions to ask

Have I ever seriously thought about how the world began?

What are the implications for my life if I accept that God created and sustains the world?

Am I ready to face God as my Judge at the end of my life?

Do I know that I have trusted Jesus Christ to forgive my sin?

Something to read and consider

Read the following passages in the Bible:

Genesis 1

Matthew 24 vv.29-44

1 Thessalonians 4 v.13 – 5 v.11