

Submitting to Christ as King

Introduction

1. The scripture says so much about Jesus. We must not undervalue or minimize any of it.
 2. The current of time and prophecy rushed toward the coronation of the Son of God – **Psalm 2:6**
 3. Those who wished to fight against God’s will to place His Son on the throne failed – **Acts 4:24-28**
 4. The King reigns, and we must make the wise decision to submit to Him fully – **Psalm 2:10-12**
- I. Means He is My King
- A. He is King of all – **1 Timothy 6:13-15**
 - a. Before Pilate – **John 18:36-37** – it is rightly said that He is king.
 - b. His rule is not limited to time and space but is of cosmic proportions – including all those who are kings themselves.
 - i. **John 19:10-11** – Pilate’s authority is dependent upon His own.
 - ii. **“every knee should bow...and...every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Philippians 2:10-11)**
 - B. Though some call Him Lord and King, His rule is only acknowledged in the realm of truth – **John 18:37**
 - a. **“Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people.” (Isaiah 55:4)**
 - b. Those who aren’t of the truth, don’t hear His voice, and don’t recognize His rightful rule in their lives – **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** – they are under the influence and power of Satan, being deceived with lies.
 - i. **2 Timothy 2:26** – they are Satan’s captives and doing his will. (Those who name the name of Christ – **v. 19**)
 - c. Though he claimed YHWH as king, Paul kicked against the goads – **Acts 26:14-18**
 - i. His mission statement included where he currently resided – (**v. 18**) – in darkness (error/untruth, sin), under the power (authority, rule) of Satan.
 - C. Confession of Jesus’ lordship is necessary – **Romans 10:9** – however, this is no empty verbal expression.
 - a. **Matthew 4:12-17** – Jesus fulfilled prophecy coming to Galilee, and preaching repentance and the kingdom.

- ii. This will bring tremendous blessings to those who submit.
 - b. Physical necessities – **Matthew 6:25, 31-33** – a promise that the King will bless His subjects with their physical needs.
 - i. After teaching how to pray – **“Give us this day our daily bread” (v. 11)** – praying in this way instead of worrying?
 - ii. After telling them to have singular focus – **(vv. 19-24)** – treasure in heaven, eye for light/good, serving God – requires self-discipline and submission to the ways of the King.
 - iii. Prioritize the King – **(v. 33)** – Kingdom (His rule), righteousness (what He dictates by His rule) – practical fulfilment involves submission.
 - c. Daily Life and relationships – All of the sermon on the mount contains decrees that will bless those who submit to them.
 - i. Strangers, enemies, marriages, reputation, peace of mind, protection from predators, etc.
 - C. The Kings commands are not burdens, but blessings – **1 John 5:3**
 - a. **Cf. Colossians 3:1, 17-4:1** – when we do all under the authority of the King, our relationships and lives will be supremely blessed.
- III. Ensures My Victory
 - A. The promise of submitting in obedient faith to the God who reigns – **Romans 10:11** – when one commits themselves to King Jesus, they will not find shame.
 - a. **Isaiah 28:16** – **“will not act hastily”** – so as to place trust in someone or something that cannot provide safety, deliverance, and victory.
 - b. God would punish His people by the Assyrians – **Isaiah 28:11-13** – they did not submit to receive blessings as God said, so He would punish them.
 - c. The proud rulers thought they could avoid destruction – **Isaiah 28:14-15** – made a covenant with death.
 - i. Three political parties in Israel – Assyrian Party, Egyptian Party, Jehovah Party (led by Isaiah) – **Isaiah 8:11-15** – YHWH is your fear, and a sanctuary.
 - ii. The only sure deliverance would come from a calm resolve to submit to YHWH – **Isaiah 28:16**
 - d. Paul utilizes this text showing the fulfillment of its Messianic context in Christ – He is the foundation, the cornerstone upon which you can build your life and secure final victory.
 - B. Jesus concludes His great sermon by showing the results of submission to His rule, or the opposite – **Matthew 7:24-29**

- a. This can be applied in various ways – storms of trial/tribulation, temptation, persecution, etc.
 - b. **(vv. 21-23)** – these show there is a finality in view concerning judgment.
 - c. **(vv. 24-25)** – obedience to His words as King provides a sure foundation for the judgment.
 - d. **(vv. 26-27)** – disobedience ensures destruction – ***“Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.” (Psalm 1:5)***
 - e. **(vv. 28-29)** – He does not merely appeal to authority but is the authority.
 - i. ***“There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy.” (James 4:12)***
- C. All are headed for the same conclusion of history but must decide which side they will be on – **Luke 14:25-33** – counting the cost of discipleship.
- a. **(vv. 28-30)** – the commitment is great, and you must count the cost.
 - b. **(vv. 31-32)** – the future is certain, and you must decide if you can afford the cost of going against Him in the end.
 - c. The choice is either unwillingness to give and leave what it takes to follow Him, or to surrender everything to the conquering King to be on the side of peace with Him in the end.
- D. If we put our faith in the Divine King, and submit to Him in all our ways, we will be given victory – **1 John 5:1-5**

Conclusion

1. Many claim Jesus as their Lord, Savior, and King. This claim is empty without submissive, obedient, loyal faith.
2. To know that Jesus reigns as King without submitting to Him as King is to demonstrate that He is not your King, is to refuse the blessings of His loving rule, and to ensure that you will not stand in the judgment.
3. Let us do the opposite, and submit to Christ as King!