

## The Lord Reigneth Psalms 99

**Ps 99:1 ¶ "The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. 2 The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. 3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy."**

We see here a truth that is a continual theme throughout scripture **"The Lord reigneth."** Because the Lord reigns and rules over all things, both in heaven and upon the earth, all should praise the name of the Lord. He sitteth between the cherubims, is a picture of the Shekinah glory of God sitting upon the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant. It is also a picture of Jesus Christ seated upon the throne of God in heaven surrounded by the four beasts, who by interpretation are cherubims. For God's people Israel, their actions were controlled by the voice of God speaking to them and leading them on their journey with his Shekinah glory.

**"Let the earth be moved"** This demonstrates that as God claimed Israel to be his nation of people, and in their journey to the land of promise, God moved all the kings of the earth and their people out of the way. God even moved the occupants of the land of promise to make a place for his people to dwell and worship him.

**"The Lord is great in Zion"** God's name was greatly revered by Israel, the people of Zion, Zion being the place that God had prepared for them to worship him. God is high above the people. God manifested this in leading Israel through the wilderness to the land of promise, by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

**"Let them praise thy great and terrible name, for it is holy."** The them mentioned here are God's people. There has never been a name to come close in comparison to the name of God. Which God demonstrated with great plainness, when he brought Israel out of Egypt. This reminds us of our Saviour, who, according to God's own words, was given a name above every name. **"for it is holy"** Holy means it is sacred, a name set apart from all other names, which demands worship of all mankind.

**4 "The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. 5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy."**

King David is proclaiming to Israel, and to the world, God hath put in my heart love for his commandments and given me a heart to judge with equity, and it is a delight to judge in accordance with God's established laws and commandments. It does not matter if you are great or small in the eyes of man, you will find equitable judgment in God and those upon whom the spirit of God is.

King David declares that God executed judgment, in accordance with his commandments that he has given Israel to live by, both spiritual and the laws of government for the people of God.

Because God, and his king, does this, we his people should exalt the name of our God and worship at his footstool. This earth is the footstool of God as seen in: **Isa 66:1 ¶ "Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool:"** Therefore, worship and praise the Lord, **"for he is holy."**

**6 ¶ "Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. 7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them. 8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions."**

Moses, Aaron, and Samuel are examples of men that God called as leaders of Israel, who acted as an intercessor for Israel when they had forgotten God and turned from following him. We can see this in scripture of Moses in **Ex 32:31-32; 31 "And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. 32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written."** While Moses was in the mount with God receiving the commandments of God, Israel quickly turned away from God and made them a molten calf to worship. God would have destroyed Israel except for the effectual intercessory prayer of Moses.

Of Aaron in: **Nu 16:46-48; 46 "And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun. 47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. 48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was**

**stayed.**" This is when Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, rose up to usurp the leadership of Moses and offered strange fire upon the censers. God caused the earth to open up and swallow them. Then Israel accused Moses of murdering them, and God sent a plague among them and slew many Israelites. It was Aaron the High Priest who stood between the living and dead, as an intercessor, and God acknowledged his and saved the rest of the people alive.

Of Samuel in: **1Sa 7:5-10; 5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. 6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh. 7 ¶ And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. 9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him. 10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.**" Here Samuel was the intercessor who stood between the Philistines and the Israelites.

Because these were faithful men of God. God answered their prayers and preserved his people Israel, through their intercessions for Israel. God did take vengeance of Israel's inventions. Inventions being the sins of Israel as they did that which was right in their own eyes.

### **9 "Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy."**

God tells Israel: because of the preservation of your lives when you were sinning against me, through the intercessory prayers of my servants, you should freely and willingly exalt the name of your Lord. You should worship your God at his holy hill. This would be Zion mentioned earlier, which is the mount where Jerusalem was and where the ark of covenant was, and eventually the temple of God was built. Why should they worship God? Because God is holy.

What does all this have to do with us today? Our Saviour, having finished the work of accomplishing our eternal remission of sins before God, who is now satisfied and has no anger to pour out his eternal wrath upon us, is seated upon the throne of God in heaven.

We should fear and tremble before God because he is the one who has the power to save or condemn. After all: he is God and as such he does whatsoever he will, as seen in: **Da 4:34-35; 34 ¶ "And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"**

Jesus has judged equitably and saved every child of God that God gave him to save. Wherefore, since Christ has been our intercessor, we should bow in reverence before him and praise his name, **"for he is holy."** Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Amen!