



Jesus is Lord # 1

Hello everyone. Welcome to "Notes From The Presence." I am unusually thankful today for the gift of salvation that we have been given through Jesus. For the past couple of weeks I have had something percolating down inside my heart ... the idea that "Jesus is Lord." This idea has stemmed from a Psalm that I have memorized - Psalm 16. Hardly a day goes by when I don't quote this Psalm. The second verse goes like this:

Psalm 16:2 *I will say to the **Lord**, "You are my **Lord**; I have no good besides You."*

The psalm goes on to explain how others might follow after all sorts of other gods, but in the end it will amount to nothing. Then it continues:

Verse 5 - *The **Lord** is my portion of my inheritance and my cup.*

Verse 7 - *I will bless the **Lord** who has counselled me; indeed my mind instructs me in the night*

Verse 8 - *I have set the **Lord** continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken*

The psalm then ends with one of my favorite verses of all time - I just HAVE to include it:

Verse 11 - *You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.*

So, the idea that "Jesus is Lord" is certainly not a new one. When I was a youth, I recall singing a little chorus that seemed to go on for hours during our old style alter meetings:

He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord,
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Anyhow, I have been thinking about how this all came to be. Those of you who are regular readers will know by now that I love the book of Genesis. These next few ideas will not be new but they bear repeating. God made our realm of existence by speaking His word into an environment of glory light. In fashioning our earth, He created a colony of heaven and then put a being created in His image and likeness to rule it for Him.

The following scenario will be familiar if you have ever owned a property that you have leased to someone else. Adeline and I owned a second residence at one time and leased it out to a family for the period of one year. We became the "land-lords" of the property. The moment we signed the lease, there were certain restrictions on our usage and access to the property. We were required to give a certain amount of notice in order to enter the house. Everything had to be done in accordance with the tenant act of our province. So, were we the owners of the house? Absolutely! Did we have full access to the house? Absolutely not!

A quick look at these two verses in Psalms illustrates this point beautifully:

Psalm 24:1 *The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.*

Psalm 115:16 *The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, But the earth He has given to the sons of men.*

These two verses do not contain a contradiction. They support the fact that even though God owns this earth and everything in it, He has given it over to the sons of men - or us. He gave it to us for a specified period of time - a lease if you like, at the creation of our species. We then, in turn, sub-leased it to the devil. Check these verses out:

Luke 4:5-7 *And he (the devil) led Him (Jesus) up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if You worship me, it shall be Yours.*

Here we see the devil gloating over the fact that the whole world and its kingdoms have been handed over to him. Of course, we know that Jesus didn't worship the devil.

Instead, He went to the cross and took the dominion of the world and the keys to the kingdom back. Jesus paid the price with His blood. Jesus has now become "Lord" of our planet. However, when Jesus left our planet and went back to heaven, He left it in charge of His delegated ruling body - the church. We, in turn, have done a terrible job of bringing His kingdom to our earth. We are taught to pray "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." This is all language of dominion. It is meant to help enforce the original lease on our earth. The earth was always meant to be in our dominion. We in turn were meant to rule, reign, and enforce the governance of the kingdom of heaven on our planet.

One day soon, Jesus will take His power and reign once more. As we can see from these next few verses, although He has the power now, He has not started to reign quite yet:

Revelation 11:15-18 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

Here we are shown the specific time when Jesus will take His place as Lord of our planet once again. He then begins to reign. Notice how angry the nations become when a new Lord takes control of the earth. It says they are "enraged." Just think what will happen when Jesus exerts His Lordship. Think of all of the people who have been doing things their own way, living as if He doesn't even exist, taking no thought of His Lordship. Now imagine them having to exert their will to His ... to the new Lord of our planet. It says that He will destroy those who destroy the earth.

We, as humans have been the worst tenants ever. Thankfully, a time will come when Jesus will take rulership of our planet once again before it is destroyed past the point of being able to support life. At this point in time "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that JESUS CHRIST is LORD to the glory of the Father!"

In our next article, we will talk a bit more about the Lordship of Jesus.

Thanks for reading. Jesus is real and He is Lord.