

GOD IS: KING OF ALL

An old Jewish prayer goes, "Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe." Abraham Kuyper said, there is not a single square inch of which the Christ, who alone is sovereign, does not declare, 'that is Mine!' God rules over all things, whether you recognize or believe it. Does He rule your life?

1- God is KING of heaven - He reigns over all the universe. Jeremiah 10:10, "*The LORD is the true God, He is the living God and the everlasting King, it is He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding stretched out the heavens.*" Psalm 103:19, "*The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.*" 1 Timothy 1:17, "*the King of the ages, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God.*" Ephesians 1:21, raised up to reign "*far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also the one to come.*" Christians need not spiritually fear any lesser power.

2- God is KING of all the earth - reigning over all earthly rulers. He has revealed Himself in history to work out His plan and purpose. Deuteronomy 10:14, "*to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it*" and 17, "*the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God.*" Psalm 47:7, "*God is King over all the earth; God reigns over the nations.*" All peoples who truly fear God are blessed for trusting and obeying Him. Psalm 103:17, "*the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.*" But even God's chosen people kept on rebelling against Him, which is also the history of the earth.

3- Jesus is KING of kings & Lord of lords - reigning in His eternal kingdom. There is only one God, who exists in three co-eternal co-equal persons, Father, Son, Spirit. The gospel of John reveals how God the Son became flesh, so that our Creator became our Redeemer, in the person of Jesus Christ. Mark 1:14, "*Jesus came proclaiming the gospel of God and saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of heaven is here at hand, repent and believe in the gospel.*" Jesus came as the royal representative of the Triune God, speaking the words of God and doing the works of God to fulfill all of God's will for His kingdom. He said, "*when I am lifted up I will draw all men to Myself*" both Jews and Gentiles. He told Pilate, the representative of the occupying Roman rule, in John 18:36, "*My kingdom is not of this world. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.*" Jesus is God, and His kingship is personal.

4- Jesus is KING of your life - as He reigns over all. Three thousand people responded in repentance and faith when Peter preached in Acts 2. By the resurrection of Jesus, "*God has proclaimed Him both Lord and Christ,*" the Messiah Savior promised in the Old Testament, and the conquering King over sin, death, and devil. Those who heard were cut to their hearts, since they had crucified Him. And then they received Him as Lord and Savior. Romans 10:9 puts it this way, "*if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*" "*Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.*" It is not possible to receive Jesus as Savior but not as Lord. To distinguish His titles cannot divide His nature. Everywhere in Scripture He is "the Lord Jesus Christ" both Savior and Lord. To be a Christian is to confess, "Jesus is Lord." This is the opposite of "*kaiser kurios*" or Caesar is lord. You recognize Jesus as the sovereign of your life, and you live for Him.

1 Timothy 6:11 sums up life with Jesus as King, empowered by the Holy Spirit: "*But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus who in His testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will display at the proper time, He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen!*" Live in the freedom of your King!