

Thou Art My Lord, God, and King

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When I was in the first grade I had a wonderful teacher who had been there many years. All the children hoped they would be in her class, so I felt very special to be assigned to her room. My classmates and I saw our teacher as the source of everything during the day: teaching, comfort, direction, love, encouragement when math seemed so hard, midday snacks (chocolate milk was the best!), and for some of us, discipline. I wanted so much for my teacher to like me and be proud of me that I did everything I could to walk the straight and narrow so that I would not get in trouble. I chose to respect her authority and I loved her—even as a young person I understood my teacher's position in my life and how I should respond to her.

Throughout our life we are either placed under someone's authority or we choose to let them have that place: husband to wife, boss to worker, parent to child, policeman to citizen. Have you decided what position God has in your life? David, king of Israel was very clear about God's position in his life. He declared to the Lord, *Thou art my Lord, God, and King*. What do these declarations mean, and how did they impact David's life?

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Thou art my God. In Psalm 31 the full depth of meaning of the word "God" is "Supreme God." David is declaring that no other god is above Him and that all authority in heaven and earth belongs to the Lord. David says that he not only trusts the Lord, but also that God is Lord over every aspect of his life. By saying *But as for me...* he is also stating that no matter what anyone else does, no matter how challenging the circumstances or how tough the peer pressure, he trusts God and places God in the highest position in his life.

The verse from Psalm 63 proclaims David's earnest yearnings for the Lord because he knows that God will satisfy his thirst even when there is no water. God provides everything necessary for David's soul and his flesh, bringing refreshment wherever there is need. Only an almighty God has the power to do that—the One who created the world and rules over all His creation.

Just as I realized that my first grade teacher was in charge and so many good and wonderful things came from her, David realizes that God is the authority over all that he sees, and that God can satisfy his needs as no one else can.

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Thou art my King. A king is a royal commander over the armies of the kingdom, and David sees God as a royal commander, able to command victories in the battles of his life. The king's loyal soldiers will go into battle even when the odds seem terribly against them, however when the king has used wisdom and has mastery over the situation, the battle can be won. David realizes that the King of Kings is able to deliver him even when the battle seems impossible to win because God is all knowing and all powerful.

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Thou art my Lord. Here David is saying that God is his master or owner. David willingly places himself under the ownership of God, and while doing so acknowledges that ultimately the good in his life comes from Him. A slave is totally dependent upon his master for food, clothing, housing, and anything that would sustain him in his service. A wise master takes good care of his slave so that the slave can perform his duties well and willingly. How much more will God, who is so loving, take care of the needs of His servants? More than we could ever ask or think!

Through these examples in scripture, we can see that David clearly states where God is in his life. He says, "Lord, you are my supreme, almighty, royal God and my master." When you become a believer in the Lord Jesus you make the same statement when you declare Him Lord of your life. This means not only that you see God as supreme, but that you are in submission to the King and Master. There is no middle ground in this decision. Either the Lord is your King or He is not. Either He is your Master or He is not.

A king is ruler over his kingdom, and anyone who does not follow the laws he has set down for his kingdom will suffer the consequences of disobedience. Likewise a master is to be obeyed at every bidding, and a servant who does not obey will be given the punishment he deserves. God, who is King and Master over all His creation, has set forth laws in His Word, and if we disobey those laws, we will suffer the consequences. For example:

- If we are proud, God will oppose us. (James 4:6)
- We shall render account for every careless word. (Matthew 12:36)
- A covetous person has no inheritance in the kingdom of God. (Ephesians 5:5)

The reality of these and other consequences should fuel a holy fear of God and be a great encouragement for us to obey Him. It is important for us to fear a righteous and holy God, however we should also want to obey out of our love for the Lord and a desire to please Him. This is the obedience “from the heart” spoken of by Paul in Romans 6:17. We should desire with all our heart to obey the commands God has set forth in His Word, so that when the time comes for us to stand before Him, He will say to us,

Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master. [Matthew 25:23](#)

If we do stumble, it is not the end of the world. God’s grace and forgiveness is freely available when we approach Him with an attitude of confession and humility. Thankfully He is a just and loving Master.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9](#)

And the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. [Romans 5:20-21](#)

Questions for personal study:

1. Read 1 Samuel 2:1-10. Give examples from Hannah’s prayer of her declaration of God as Lord, God, and King. In your own words, make your own declaration to God.
2. Read 1 Samuel 15.
 - What is the meaning of “to obey is better than sacrifice?”
 - When Saul admitted his sin he said he did it because he feared the people. Do you allow the fear of man to persuade you not to obey God?
3. Read Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-26, 30. The woman of Proverbs 31 is obedient and fully submitted to the Master. In what areas are you disobedient to the commands of God? Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you these areas, then ask God for forgiveness and ask Him to mold you into a better servant for Him.