

## The Majestic Strength of Our Lord

Look at the Earth, Look at ocean waves, they are nothing before the Lord

Psalm 93

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### **Prelude:**

#### **I. Have you tried to move the Earth recently?**

A. Have you tried to stop, or just silence, the waves crashing on the beach?

1. How did you do?
2. You did not have any success! Why not?

B. Why then do people try to push the Lord out of their lives, or

1. why do they try to silence Him?
2. He is the One who made the Earth unmovable!
3. He is the One who made the oceans and placed the land in such a way
  - a) that the waves bash into the sand and rocks!
  - b) Yet, we are going to argue with Him!

#### **II. Listen to Psalm 93 declare the majestic reign of our Lord, and**

A. no longer fear anything in this world, but

B. know who is always in charge.

### **Persuasion:**

#### **I. Psalm 93.1a–c – The Lord, Majestic in Strength**

**1a–c The Lord reigns,  
He is clothed with majesty;  
The Lord is clothed,  
He has girded Himself with strength.  
(Psa 93.1a–c)**

A. The Lord reigns.

1. We did not vote Him in, so we cannot vote Him out.

2. He did not take over in a coup, therefore, He cannot lose power.
- B. He cloths Himself in majesty and strength.
1. What kind of strength?
  2. How can we know His strength?
    - a) The psalmist will show us shortly!
- C. Do you picture God clothing Himself?
1. If so, with what?
  2. Here the psalmist lists two things with which the Lord clothes Himself.
    - a) These are not articles of clothing as what we wear, but
    - b) they are attributes.
- D. He wears majesty.
1. He is majestic in His person.
  2. He acts majestically.
    - a) You have seen a woman who wears charm.
    - b) Likewise, the Lord wears majesty!
- E. He girds Himself with strength.
1. We have strength, but for most of us it is hidden.
  2. However, you can see the muscleman's strength.
    - a) So it is with the Lord.
    - b) If a man can so build his strength that you can see it, what about God?
      - (1) What is a man's strength in comparison to the strength of God?
      - (2) Remember that by the power of His spoke word,
        - (a) He brought everything into existence.
        - (b) How much more obvious can He make His strength?
- F. Listen to verses 1d-4 as it shows us two very powerful things:
1. The world and

2. The ocean.

## II. Psalm 93.1d–2 – The Lord’s Majestic Strength

- 1d Surely the world is established,  
So that it cannot be moved.**
- 2 Your throne is established from of old;  
You are from everlasting.  
(Psa 93.1d–2)**

A. Do you want to know just how strong the Lord is?

1. He so established the world, the Earth, that it cannot be moved.
  - a) The 9.0 earthquake that struck Japan on March 11, 2011,
  - b) caused the Earth spin a little faster,
    - (1) now get this, by 1.4 millionths of a second.
    - (2) I knew that time was going faster!
2. Only the Lord can move the Earth, or make it vanish,

**25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” 27 Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain (Heb 12.25–27).**

**7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men (2Pe 3.7).**

B. He who so established the world also established His throne.

1. His throne has been from of old.
2. His throne is from of old, because He is from everlasting.
  - a) He is from eternity to eternity,

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.  
(Psa 90.2)**

- b) His throne predates the Earth, and
  - (1) His throne predates man.
  - (2) He shall not be moved, and
    - (a) those who put faith in Him,
    - (b) shall not be moved.

### III. Psalm 93.3–4 – The Lord's Supreme Majestic Strength

**3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
The floods have lifted up their voice;  
The floods lift up their waves.**

**4 The Lord on high is mightier  
Than the noise of many waters,  
Than the mighty waves of the sea.  
(Psa 93.3–4)**

- A. Look verse 3 as it builds each time or clarifies its meaning.
  - 1. The psalmist wanted us to see the floods lift up.
  - 2. Then the psalmist wanted us to hear the sound of the floods.
    - a) Finally, he identified the waves.
    - b) Can man stop the waves?
      - (1) Can man silence the sound of the waves?
      - (2) Can man keep the floods from lifting up?
        - (a) No, we cannot do anything of those things.
        - (b) Not even nature can do any of those things.
- B. Then look at verse 4.
  - 1. Who is mightier than the noise of many waters?

2. Who is mightier than the waves of the sea?

- a) The Lord drowns out the noise of many waters.
- b) The Lord makes the waves flat.

**37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. 38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" 39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm (Mark 4.37–39).**

- c) The Lord dries up the floods and the waves,

**2b Indeed with My rebuke I dry up the sea,  
I make the rivers a wilderness;  
Their fish stink because there is no water,  
And die of thirst.  
(Isa 50.2)**

- d) Stand in awe of Nahum's declaration,

**3b The Lord has His way  
In the whirlwind and in the storm,  
And the clouds are the dust of His feet.  
4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry,  
And dries up all the rivers.  
Bashan and Carmel wither,  
And the flower of Lebanon wilts.  
5 The mountains quake before Him,  
The hills melt,  
And the earth heaves at His presence,  
Yes, the world and all who dwell in it.  
(Nah 1.3b–5)**

#### **IV. Psalm 93.5 – The Lord's Eternal Majestic Strength**

- 5 Your testimonies are very sure;  
Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.**

**(Psa 93.5)**

A. If He wears majesty and strength,

1. if He established the world,
2. if His throne is from of old,
3. if He is from everlasting,
4. if He is mightier than the mighty waves of the sea,
  - a) then you can count on His word.
  - b) His testimonies are very sure.
    - (1) Has He made a promise?
    - (2) He will keep it.

B. He wears majesty and strength, and

1. holiness adorns His house.
2. Where He lives is holy and holiness is where He lives.

C. What is His house?

1. What did Paul say to Timothy about the identity of the church?

**15b ...the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth (1Ti 3.15).**

2. The whole Psalm comes down to what the Lord's does for His house.

D. The world and the waves demonstrate

1. the surety of the Lord's testimonies and
2. the adornment of holiness on His house.
  - a) His words (testimonies) created the world and the waves,

**6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.  
7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;  
He lays up the deep in storehouses.**

**(Psa 33.6–7)**

- 8 He binds up the water in His thick clouds,  
Yet the clouds are not broken under it.**
- 9 He covers the face of His throne,  
And spreads His cloud over it.**
- 10 He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters,  
At the boundary of light and darkness.**
- 11 The pillars of heaven tremble,  
And are astonished at His rebuke.**
- 12 He stirs up the sea with His power,  
And by His understanding He breaks up the storm.**
- 13 By His Spirit He adorned the heavens;  
His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.  
(Job 26.8–13)**

b) His words (testimonies) flooded the world

- (1) in the beginning and
- (2) during Noah's generation.

c) All these things demonstrated His holiness,

- (1) covering the Earth with water in the beginning, and
- (2) covering the Earth again with water during Noah's generation because of the wickedness of those people, and
- (3) in preventing the water from flooding the Earth again,

- 8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors,  
When it burst forth and issued from the womb;**
- 9 When I made the clouds its garment,  
And thick darkness its swaddling band;**
- 10 When I fixed My limit for it,  
And set bars and doors;**
- 11 When I said,  
'This far you may come, but no farther,  
And here your proud waves must stop!'"  
(Job 38.8–11)**

- 5 You who laid the foundations of the earth,  
So that it should not be moved forever,**

- 6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
The waters stood above the mountains.**
- 7 At Your rebuke they fled;  
At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.**
- 8 They went up over the mountains;  
They went down into the valleys,  
To the place which You founded for them.**
- 9 You have set a boundary that they may not pass over,  
That they may not return to cover the earth.  
(Psa 104.5–9)**

E. Do you know this Lord is?

### **Exhortation:**

#### **I. The Lord is**

- A. mightier than the waves,
- B. mightier than the world,
- C. mightier than the heavens.

#### **II. Never forget that the Lord reigns.**

- A. When the world seems shaken, remember the Lord reigns.
- B. When the waves of suffering, temptation, and trouble
  - 1. lift themselves up against you,
  - 2. remember that the Lord reigns.

#### **III. Many people fear at the present, because of**

- A. the great societal changes we are experiencing,
- B. However, even as the Lord reigned during the time of Israel,
  - 1. even as the Lord reigned when He sent foreign powers against Israel,
  - 2. even as the Lord reigned when He set up the Kingdom during the Roman Empire,
    - a) so He still reigns through the Kingdom/Church
    - b) during these days when America is changing dramatically.

#### IV. Do not forget our Lord's

- A. position,
- B. authority,
- C. power,
- D. eternity,
- E. indestructibility,
- F. holiness, and
- G. decrees.

#### V. Do not forget that if the Lord reigns, His church/kingdom will always be here,

**44 "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" (Dan 2.44).**

**15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Rev 11.15).**

#### VI. Meditate frequently upon the reign of the Lord. (Matthew Henry)

- A. The Lord reigns gloriously: "He is clothed with majesty."
- B. The Lord reigns powerfully: "He has girded Himself with strength."
- C. The Lord reigns eternally: "Your throne is established from of old."
- D. The Lord reigns triumphantly: "The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters."
- E. The Lord reigns in truth: "Your testimonies are very sure."
- F. The Lord reigns in holiness: "Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever."

#### VII. Who is this Lord?

- A. How many times does the New Testament identify Jesus as Lord?
- B. Acknowledge it, confess it, live it, and you shall be saved.