

When we go through the Word of God, what we see is that God is a sovereign, holy, majestic God, who will one day be worshipped for His greatness. When you think about how sovereign God is, it is staggering.

- 1) God is sovereign over a man's heart. Ex. 4:21
- 2) God is sovereign over all creation. Job 38:1-38
- 3) God is sovereign over all things and all purposes. Job 42:2
- 4) God is sovereign over all animals. Job 38:39-41:34
- 5) God is sovereign over men's words. Prov. 16:1
- 6) God is sovereign over the wicked. Prov. 16:4
- 7) God is sovereign over men's steps and circumstances. Prov. 16:9
- 8) God is sovereign over every decision. Prov. 16:33; John 19:10-11
- 9) God is sovereign over every leader's heart. Prov. 21:1
- 10) God is sovereign over every victory and every defeat. Prov. 21:31
- 11) God is sovereign over prosperity and over adversity. Eccl. 7:14
- 12) God is sovereign over every man's life. Job 14:5
- 13) God is sovereign over times of peace and times of calamity. Is. 45:7; Hos. 9:15-17
- 14) God is sovereign over who is saved and who is not saved. Rom. 9:14-24

This is the truth about God and there will come a day when God will be worshipped for the great and Sovereign God He truly is. There is a day coming when Jesus Christ, who is God, will be here on earth and He will be worshipped as that Great and Sovereign God.

That point is clear from Psalm 99.

WHEN JESUS CHRIST REIGNS AS THE GOD/KING IN JERUSALEM, ALL WILL WORSHIP HIM AS THE GREAT, GLORIOUS, MAJESTIC, AND SOVEREIGN GOD, BECAUSE HE SOVEREIGNLY ANSWERED PRAYER IN REGARD TO ISRAEL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Those who do not like the doctrine of the sovereignty of God will have a rude awakening one day in eternity. Those who have had trouble with the fact that Jesus Christ is the Sovereign God will have a rude awakening in eternity. All people will be worshipping Jesus Christ for this very point.

Now there are three Psalms that begin with the words “The LORD reigns” (Ps. 93, 97, **99**). This is the final of the LORD reigns Psalms. There are four main stanzas that comprise this Psalm:

STANZA #1 – When the LORD reigns all people will reverence Him and praise Him as the Great, Sovereign God. **99:1-3**

Notice the statement is “the LORD reigns.” Not the LORD might reign or there is a chance He will reign. The statement is He reigns. Now Psalm 99 contains nine verses and seven times the noun LORD is used (**1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 9**). The emphasis on this noun translated in English “Jehovah” is on the fact that God is the Sovereign I AM, covenant-keeping God of Israel, who can do whatever it is He wants to do. Now what is seen in this Psalm is that Jehovah is Jesus, who is reigning on this earth and He is being worshipped as this Divine Person. So there will come a day when Jesus Christ will be reigning on earth as Jehovah/God and all will worship Him for this point.

Now there are four facts that are brought out about the LORD’s reign:

Fact #1 - When the LORD reigns, the people will tremble. **99:1a**

There will be such a reverence for Jesus Christ one day that people will tremble in His presence. All people from all nations will tremble at the presence of Jesus Christ. This will of course happen when He reigns on this earth.

This does present to us an interesting point and that is the more Jesus Christ is reigning in a person’s life, the more that person has a reverent spirit. People who have Jesus Christ reigning in their lives have a reverent awe of God. They have a healthy fear of the LORD.

Fact #2 - When the LORD reigns, the earth will shake. **99:1b**

Jesus Christ will literally shake the earth (Rev. 16:17-20). His enthronement will literally shake the earth. He is honored in heaven high above the highest ranked cherubim angels, and when He comes to this earth He will come with angels (Matt. 25:31) and the earth will literally shake at His appearance.

Fact #3 - When the LORD reigns in Jerusalem, the people will exalt Him. **99:2**

Zion is a term often used for Israel and often used for Jerusalem (I Chron. 11:5; Is. 2:3). The LORD will show Himself to be the great Sovereign God in Jerusalem and it will be there where He will be exalted above all peoples of the world.

Also Zion refers to the Temple area, so this would suggest that Jesus Christ will reign in Jerusalem and the temple will be standing and He will be worshipped as God in that city and in that temple.

What is so sad today is that for the most part, most people in the world demean the name of Jesus Christ and use His name as a curse word. But there will come a day when all will exalt Him.

Fact #4 - When the LORD reigns He will be praised as the great, awesome, Holy God. **99:3**

There is a real emphasis in this Psalm on the majestic holiness of God (**3, 5, 9, 9**). Jesus Christ will be on earth and will have a Majestic Holiness that only God has. His holiness is at such a majestic level that when He reigns on earth all will worship Him.

Now keep in mind that when Jesus Christ reigns on earth, righteousness will reign on earth and yet He will be seen as having a holiness and righteousness that is far superior to any human.

STANZA #2 – When the LORD reigns all people will reverence Him and praise Him as the great Sovereign Judge. **99:4-5**

Make no mistake about this, when Jesus Christ returns, He is not going to return so He can just idly sit on a beach and eat fish and roast marshmallows; He is coming back to reign and to judge. His strength will be seen in His judgments. There are three facts about His Holy judgments as judge:

Fact #1 - As Holy judge, He loves to carry out justice. **99:4a**

Fact #2 - As Holy judge, He will establish equity. **99:4b**

Fact #3 - As Holy judge, He will execute justice and righteousness in Israel and for Israel. **99:4c**

Israel will no longer be some ridiculed group of people. Israel will be honored and exalted.

As **verse 5** says, people will come from all over the world and worship at the “footstool” of Jesus Christ. Notice this verse clearly identifies Jesus Christ as the LORD our God.

STANZA #3 – When the LORD reigns all people will reverence Him and praise Him as the Merciful God. **99:6-8**

Now since God is majestically Holy and since He is reigning and judging, one could assume that God would not have anything to do with sinful people. Think about this for a moment. Jesus Christ is reigning in total righteousness and if it were not for the mercy of God, there would be no one there to reign over. But these verses make it clear that God does use sinful people:

Reality #1 - Moses and Aaron were His priests. **99:6a**

Reality #2 - Samuel was His prophet. **99:6b**

Reality #3 - They called on the Lord and He answered them. **99:6c**

Reality #4 - They recognized the sovereignty of God's Word and obeyed it. **99:7**

In every dispensation of time, the Word of God is the critical key to a relationship with God.

Reality #5 - God answered the prayers of His people who kept His Word. **99:8a**

This is a very humbling and very staggering thought. The Holy God answers prayers from His people who purpose to obey His Word.

Reality #6 - God was a forgiving God to His people. **99:8b**

All of us can worship God for this great truth—God is a very forgiving God.

Reality #7 - God was an avenger of the evil of His people. **99:8c**

God does not let His people get away with sin. God will be worshipped for being the great Redeemer and the great Revenger.

STANZA #4 – When the LORD reigns all people will exalt Him and worship at His holy place.
99:9

What an amazing scene this will be when people from all over the world go to Jerusalem to worship the reigning King, who is none other than Jesus Christ. He will be exalted at His Holy place of worship and He will be worshipped as the LORD our God.

PARTING THOUGHTS:

- 1. Those who are right with God have a high and holy view of God's majestic Holiness and Sovereignty.**
- 2. Those who are right with God reverence and worship Jesus Christ as the Great God He truly is.**
- 3. Those who are right with God love and reverence the Word of God and seek to obey it.**
- 4. Those who are right with God exalt God and praise God.**
- 5. Those who are right with God pray to God and see God answer many prayers.**
- 6. Those who are right with God realize how merciful and forgiving God is.**