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Psalm 93

1/23/13

Vs. 1-2 establish God's throne;
Vs. 3-4 speak of God's great power;
Vs. 5 speaks of God's holiness.

There is nothing in the Bible to indicate that this (or any other Psalm!) was used by the Israelites in some special ceremony to recognize God enthroned. Because Jesus Christ was God in the flesh ([Colossians 2:9](#); [Philippians 2:5-10](#)), [Psalms 93-99](#) have many references to Jesus Christ in these references to God.

Psalm 93:2: The author of *[The Book of]* Hebrews listed the credentials of the King of Kings, namely Jesus Christ; and, of course, those credentials are the same as those of the ruling Jehovah in this passage. These are: (1) King by right of eternal existence; (2) by right of creation; (3) by right of personal excellence, majesty and strength; (4) by divine right; (5) by right of maintenance, upholding all things by the word of his power; (6) by right of purchase (This establishes God's right to rule over humanity in that he purchased, or redeemed us, through the blood of His Son); and (7) by right of his present position on the Eternal Throne (God is not a mere pretender; his rulership is a fait accompli). James Burton, **Coffman Commentary on Psalms**

Verses 1-2: "LORD" is used 5 times and is the only term for God in this Psalm. The assertion is made; "The LORD reigns" (**verse 1**), then reasons for His prominence are given. He:

- (1) Is "clothed with majesty" (magnificence and splendor);
- (2) "Girded Himself with strength" (binding up clothing for work or a journey, hence ready to work. No one else could "bind" God!);
- (3) "Established" the world (that operates by His laws which are settled and unchangeable);
- (4) Sits upon a "throne" (**verse 2**) "established" even before the world;
- (5) Has "everlasting" existence!

Verses 3-4: Multitudes of peoples who have opposed God are couched in the term "floods." Hence (**verse 3**) their arrogant attitude "lifted" them up; then "their voice;" then "their waves" (battles and wars). It got them nowhere, for "The LORD on high" proves "mightier" than their "noise," (**verse 4**) and their "mighty waves of the sea." Tsunami victims and many seafarers can attest to the size and power of waves of the seas on earth, but figures of speech aside, "The LORD on high *is* mightier!"



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Verse 5: Back to The LORD on His throne, all people may totally depend upon: God's "testimonies," for "every word of God is pure" (**Proverbs 30:5**) and "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (**Luke 4:4**); AND "holiness" is throughout God's "house," "forever." If "righteousness" is the right-doing by following God's laws (**1 John 3:7**), then "holiness" is the purity of character caused by "righteousness." "For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness" (**1 Thessalonians 4:7**).

Thought: Since God raised Jesus Christ from the dead "to sit on his [*David's, jtpII*] throne" (**Acts 2:29-31**), and since "to the Son *He* says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever" (**Hebrews 1:8**), then to claim that Jesus Christ is NOT NOW on the throne of David in Heaven IS TO DENY THAT GOD RAISED JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD! If not, why not?

Since Jesus IS now on His throne in Heaven, the kingdom of God has been established (**Colossians 1:13**). Since Jesus is the King of His kingdom, but also the Head of the church of Christ (**Colossians 1:18**), the saved people who are in the church of Christ are also in His kingdom! If not, why not?

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