

Our God Reigns

Scripture

“Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or [as] His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and [who] instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations [are] as a drop in a bucket, And are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon [is] not sufficient to burn, Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. All nations before Him [are] as nothing, And they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.” (Isa 40:13-17 NKJV)

Commentary

I believe we often fail to see the majesty and power of God. Like Peter once we leave the boat it is not long until the waves frighten us and we begin to sink. However, there is no reason for us to fear any mortal or any natural phenomena because our God reigns supreme.

Of course that does not mean that good people never come to harm. Sometimes God allows His children to go through severe afflictions or even to die. Obviously, without divine intervention, we will all die someday. However, what it does mean is that nothing surprises God or frustrates His sovereign plan. Nothing is outside of His control. He transcends all of creation.

These words of Isaiah were given to God’s people for encouragement as they suffered captivity in Babylon. Under such a difficult and hopeless situation, it would be easy to give up. The people had no strength and Babylon was so strong.

How many times have you found yourself facing the insurmountable? It is good to know that our God reigns when we are facing the impossible. Who would have thought in the midst of a terrible storm, one that threatened the lives of the apostles, that Christ would simply say, “Peace, Be still,” and a great calm would ensue (Mark 4:39)? I tell you they did not expect it, but here is an amazing thing. God wanted them to expect it. Notice our Lord’s comments, “. . . He said to them, ‘Why are you so fearful? How [is it] that you have no faith?’” (Mark 4:40 NKJV)

My dear friends fear not. Whatever presses you today is not beyond God’s control. Don’t be like the apostles, whose faith waivered in the storm, but remember how our God reigns. The nations are nothing to Him. They are counted as dust on the scales. Yes, it looks impossible, but nothing is impossible for God. Even death itself is not a fear to the faithful. As it is written, “O Death, where [is] your sting? O Hades, where [is] your victory?” (1Co 15:55 NKJV)

Meditate on God’s power if you are trembling at today’s prospects. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” (Pr 3:5-6 NKJV)