

Jesus Christ: King Of Kings

1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14

Introduction:

- A. Old Song: "He's got the whole world in his hands..."
 - 1. Easy to forget this in a time of uncertainty and fear.
 - 2. Easy to forget this in a time of peace and prosperity.
 - 3. We forget that Jesus Christ has universal authority (Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:20-23)
- B. Jesus rules both the world and the church.
 - 1. The world often by overruling the intentions of men.
 - 2. The church by man's voluntary submission.

Discussion:

I. Christ's Rule Over The World — The Kingdoms of Men.

- A. "King of kings" and "Lord of lords". (texts)
 - 1. Suggests a king above all other kings.
 - a. Applied to Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. (Ezek 26:7; Dan. 2:37)
 - b. Applied to king of Artaxerxes of Persia (Ezra 7:12).
 - 2. Suggests Lord over all other lords (dignitaries). (cf. Deut. 10:17; Psa. 136:3).
- B. Authority that His Father has always had. (Eph. 1:21)
 - 1. Over the nations. (Ps. 22:28).
 - 2. Over the kingdoms of men. (Dan. 4:17,25-32; 5:21)
 - a. Removes and sets up kings. (Dan. 2:21).
 - b. Uses nations for purposes. (Isa. 10:5-7,12).
- C. Controls events on world stage behind the scenes from heaven.
 - 1. May seem out of control, but are not.
 - 2. May have little control ourselves, but our Lord controls all.
 - a. Civil rulers only have power granted from above. (John 19:10,11).
 - b. Can have some control through prayer. (Jas. 5:16-18; 1 Tim. 2:2)
- D. Christian should trust Him to work things out — he will (cf. Phil. 12).

II. His Rule Over The Church — His Spiritual Kingdom. (Eph. 1:23).

- A. His rule over house of God prophesied. (Isa. 2:1-5)
 - 1. Rule of Christ exalted above all other rule. (cf. v. 17).
 - 2. Rule or kingdom set above all other. (Dan. 2:44).
 - 3. Rule was to be set up in last days. (cf. Acts 2:16; Mk. 9:1).
- B. His rule over his spiritual kingdom prophesied. (Dan. 2:44)
 - 1. A spiritual kingdom. (John 18:36).
 - 2. Same as church. (Matt. 16:18,19).
 - a. Saved translated into kingdom. (Col. 1:13,14).
 - b. Saved added to church. (Acts 2:47)
- C. His rule extends to being head over *all things* to the church. (Eph. 1:22)
 - 1. Rule excised through apostles as ambassadors.(cf. 2 Cor. 5:20; Mt. 16:19; 18:18).
 - 2. Apostolic and prophetic word is ruling instrument. (Jn. 14:25,26; 15:26,27; 16:12; 17:20; Rom. 10:6-17).

Conclusion:

- A. If we voluntarily and completely submit to his rule we will be blessed for eternity.
 - 1. He will use his power to save us in heaven. (2 Tim. 1:12; Jude 24,25)
 - 2. He will use his power to glorify us. (Rom. 8:18,28,30,37-39)
 - 3. He will never leave us nor forsake us. (Heb. 13:5)
- B. If we neglect or reject his rule, we will not be saved, but he will be ruler over all.