



Wednesday nights
Country Bible Church
God Who Rules All

Lesson Schedule:

- August 5 — Introductory Lesson (Also done on February 19)
- Feb 26 — Welcome to the Weight of Majesty (video)
- March 4 — Knowing the God Who is Incomprehensible (video)
- Mar 11 — Discussion and Review — some teaching
- August 12 — Knowing the God Who Cannot Change (video)
- Aug 19 — Knowing the God Who is Infinite & Eternal (video)
- Aug 26 — Knowing the God Who is Everywhere (video)
- September 2 — Knowing the God Who is Almighty (video)
- Sept 9 — Discussion and Review — some teaching
- Sept 16 — Knowing the God Who is Knows All (video)
- Sept 23 — Knowing the God Who is Rules All (video)
- Sept. 30 — Knowing the God Who is Holy (video)
- October 7 — Knowing the God Who of Wrath (video)
- Oct 14 — Discussion and Review – some teaching
- Oct 21 — Knowing the God Who is Good (video)
- Oct 28 — Knowing the God Who is Love (video)
- November 4 — Knowing the God Who is Patient and Zealous (video)
- Nov 11 — Make up day

“The world becomes a strange, mad, painful place, and life in it a disappointing and unpleasant business, for those who do not know about God.”¹

Jeremiah 9:23–24

Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

NOTES FROM THE VIDEO²

¹ J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*, p. 19

² Media Gratiae, *Behold Your God: The Weight of Majesty*, Video 4 – “Knowing the God Who is Everywhere”

Biographical sketch – John Newton

Teaching

Malachi 1:14

The rule or sovereignty of God = God has power, the ability to do all His pleasure; He has Sovereignty or the right to do all His pleasure.

God IS Sovereign – it is who He is by nature
God has always been Sovereign and always will be

God's sovereignty defined:

“God possess and continually exercises the sole right to do all His pleasure with all His creation without any external interference.”

As you look around, does it appear to you that a righteous King rules our world?
Or, does it look like there is “no king in the land”?

Pilate asked Jesus – are you *really* the king?

On the throne of heaven, a human is seated.
Truly God and truly man = Jesus Christ.

It's very important that we bring this study to bear on Jesus, the God-man.

- Isaiah 9:6 – “unto us a child is born... and the government shall be upon His shoulder... “
- Psalm 110:1 – The Father says to the Son, “...sit at my right hand...”
- Daniel 7:13-14 – “...his dominion is an everlasting dominion...”
- Psalm 2:1-9
- Revelation 5 – coming to the throne of the unapproachable, infinite God is a man (Jesus) worthy to take the scroll of His Father and begin to accomplish all the Father's good pleasure

Jesus is God, the second (of three) member of the trinity

- He is the eternal Son of God
- He has always possessed (as co-equal with Father and Spirit) all authority
- For the purpose of our rescue, He laid aside His glory, emptied Himself of that glory by adding our humanity to His deity (His goodness)
- As a man, He suffered death on the cross
- He returned to Heaven, and will forever be a union of God and man
- As God, He is essentially sovereignty
- As man, He has been given this authority by God the Father
- Jesus, the God-man, was given this authority as a gift to the Mediator for His church

Why was Jesus given this authority?

- Acts 2:36 – “...God made [Jesus] both Lord and Christ...”
 - o The Messiah is crucified and exalted by the Father as Lord/Master
- Philippians 2:7-9
 - o Following Jesus’s death, the Father gives Him a “name which is above every name
- Hebrews 1:3 – “After making purification for our sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...”
- Hebrews 10:12-13 – after Jesus made a “once-for-all” sacrifice, He, “sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet.”
- The work of the cross that is forever connected to the honor of the crown
- The throne of Heaven is given as a reward for His suffering

Implications for us Christians?

- Your elder brother (Jesus) has been placed at the right hand of the Father and given the rule over all creation for the good of His church and for His Father’s glory
 - o Jesus of Nazareth possesses and continually exercises the sole right to do all His pleasure with all His creation without any external interference.”
 - o He cannot be manipulated
 - o He is obligated to do what He desires to do – that is, His Father’s will

What was said of the Father, can be said of the Son:

- Job 42:2 – We know that Jesus can do all things, and that no purpose of His can be thwarted.
- Psalm 135:6 – “We know that Jesus is great and is above all other gods...”
- Job 9:12 – Who can say to Jesus, “What are you doing?”
- Isaiah 45:5 – “I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God...”

A.W. Pink:

Jesus is...

- ...subject to none
- ... influenced by none
- ...absolutely independent

Jesus does...

- ...as He pleases
- ...only as He pleases
- ...always as He pleases

None can...

- ...thwart Him
- ...hindered Him

Jesus is...

- ...unrivaled in majesty
- ...unlimited in power
- ...unaffected by any outside of Himself

Have you ever considered the wonder and the beauty of your kinsman on the throne of Heaven?

Christ the King is also Christ the Judge

- Just as we see the Father's worth as Judge, we see this in Jesus

Book of Revelation – Jesus stands over all in judgement

- Everyone will honor Christ as they will honor the Father
- Today or at the judgement

Christ the King is also the One who pardons

- We = have disregarded the rules and claims and rights of Jesus
- But there is still time, because the One we fought against is the One appointed by the Father to offer us pardon
- Psalm 2 – "...worship the Lord (who Judges) with reverence and rejoice with trembling..."
- The criminal has one place of refuge from the King... and that is in the King Himself

Psalm 97:1 – "The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice!"

Psalm 99:1 – "The Lord reigns; let the people tremble."

- The rule of Jesus of Nazareth will either bring joy or terror to all people.
- Which is it for you?
 - o Will you join with humanity to cast off Jesus?
 - o Or – like in Romans 12 – will you present your life as a living sacrifice – belonging to Jesus our Lord?
 - Romans 14:7ff
 - o Why did Jesus come, die, rise from the dead, ascend? That He might be Lord of the living and dead.

1 Kings 20

- Israel surrendering
- Ahab is forced by 33 kings and their armies to make this statement to his enemies: "And the king of Israel answered, 'As you say, my lord, O king, I am yours, and all that I have'."
- This is not how Jesus, the friend of sinners, conquers!
- Jesus brings us to Himself and grants us repentance; and we, with joy and gratitude... "It is according to your Word, my Lord and King, I am yours and all that I have!"

Interviews