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**Session 3 | Christ our Treasure: Jesus our King**

1. **INTRODUCTION**

**Main Point:**God’s plan throughout redemptive history was to rule his people through Jesus, the mediator king, and we are called to submit to his reign and rejoice in his rule.

1. **A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF THE KINGLY OFFICE IN SCRIPTURE: GOD’S RULE EXPRESSED THROUGH A KING**

“The sovereign rule of Yahweh is exercised through the anointed king of Israel. Yahweh rules over Israel through a mediator, and that mediator is from David’s family line” (Schreiner, *The King in His Beauty*, 136).

**A. The Rule of God over the world**

“Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.” (Isaiah 40:21-23)

“The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” (Psalm 24:1)

“The Lord laughs at other kings.” (Psalm 2)

“His kingdom is an eternal kingdom, his dominion endures from generation to generation.” (Daniel 4:3b)

“He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings;” (Daniel 2:21)

**B. Adam’s Typological role as king**

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:26-28)

**C. The Exodus and the coming king**

Deuteronomy 17: The first mention of God providing a king for his people

* A king whom God will choose
* An Israelite
* Must not hoard wealth and possessions and power for himself
* Must carry and read the law of God all the days of his life

**D. God’s people with no ruler**

“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 21:25)

**E. A king established**

**F. Jesus’ fulfillment of the office of King**

* **Appointed King**
* **Righteous king**
* **Victorious king**
* **Eternal king**

1. **SUBMISSION TO HIS REIGN**

**A. The Individual**

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air.” (Ephesians 2:1-2)

**B. The Church**

“He raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” (Ephesians 1:20-22)

**C. The World**

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!” (Abraham Kuyper)

1. **THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT CHRIST’S REIGN**
2. **Christ reigns for us**

“He rules more for our own sake than for his.” (John Calvin)

"Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits...who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy." (Psalm 103:2-4)

1. **Application of Christ’s reign for us**

* **The spiritual nature of Christ’s kingship**

“My kingdom is not of this world.” (John 18:36)

“Thus it is that we may patiently pass through this life with its misery, hunger, cold, contempt, reproaches, and other troubles—content with this one thing: that our king will never leave us destitute, but will provide for our needs until, our warfare ended, we are called to triumph." (Calvin, *Institutes*, 2.15.4)

* **Four pictures of application**

1. **Christians fighting their sin**

“Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.” (1 Corinthians 15:24)

“There is no disease, no addiction, no demon, no bad habit, no fault, no vice, no weakness, no temper, no moodiness, no pride, no self-pity, no strife, no jealousy, no perversion, no greed, no laziness that Christ will not overcome as the enemy of his honor....So remember that the extent of Christ’s reign reaches to the smallest and biggest enemy of his glory in your life, and in the universe. It will be defeated.” (John Piper, *He Must Reign).*

1. **Reading the news in the morning**
2. **The sojourning church**
3. **Children living under the rule of their parents**
4. **CONCLUSION**