

# God Reigns.

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The most comforting reality in all the world that gives solid consolations to my soul is this unshakeable truth that *the Lord reigns*. “The Lord reigns” (Psalm 93:1) is a repeated refrain that should comfort, gladden and uplift our hearts!

**How does God reign?** This brief writeup will explore 3 dimensions of God’s kingship.

## 1. God reigns over the past.

Go far back, as back as your human mind can possibly travel, and survey human history. Still more, go back even before God’s creative work in Genesis 1 and try to survey how the Triune God reigned sovereignly as the only, gloriously sufficient and everlastingly happy Being in and of Himself. But then consider history. God has ruled over every empire, king, nation, revival, calamity, rebellion, and conversion. Indeed, God has reigned over every moment of the past — including every moment of *your* past. Whatever God has wisely brought and allowed into your life in your upbringing, in family relationships (or, discord), in your sins, in your hurts and pains, and even in the many saddening memories of the past, plant your roots deep in this one solid reality: *the sovereign God of the universe has reigned perfectly, wisely, immovably over it all*. Let this reality console your anxieties and let it ease the floods of guilt and shame as you reflect on “your past.” Rather than dwelling on the *sins* of the past and remaining there in the swamps of guilt and shame, let Scripture direct you to the *Sovereign* over your past so you remain there in the ocean of His wisdom.

## 2. God reigns in the present.

Right now, in your life, at this very present moment, God *is working* most powerfully, wisely, and *providentially* for His renown and for His pleasure. He is always doing a thousand huge things in every small event in our lives. Right now, it’s raining somewhere in the world. Right now, insects make their God-given sounds in some rainforest. Right now, the massive sun shines brightly giving warmth to many millions of people. Right now, planet earth (and other planets) orbit around the sun at God’s specific direction. And in *your life*. Consider how God, *right now*, this day rules over all that happens. Your conversions. Your meetings (or cancellations). Your rush-hour traffic (that may be a bit extra-long). Your hearing of some good news of a friend’s achievements. Your opportunity to gather with God’s people to hear your pastor preach a text from God’s Word. Your family worship time. Your moment of evangelizing your children when they’ve sinned and are in need of reproof from the Word. Your urging a man you meet to repent and believe. Do not underestimate the glorious reign of God *in the everyday, even the small and seemingly insignificant* moments in your life. God is at work. This is providence whereby God perfectly works out His eternal decrees in everyday moments.

## 3. God reigns over the future.

Do you fear something that may (or, may not) happen? Is your soul anxious today because of news that you’ve heard? Do you wonder at your job security? Your children’s welfare? Your adult child’s salvation? Your baby’s health in these early stages of development in your womb? Your financial provision? Whether you’ll ever get married? Let us establish our hearts upon this bedrock truth that the one God who is wise and powerful over all is the God who *reigns over the future* -- indeed, over *every single (individual) moment and event*. From the movement of the largest star in our galaxy to each raindrop that falls from clouds, to every circumstance in your life to the unknown ‘possibilities’ of the future, plant your tentpegs deep in this marvelously comforting truth: *the Lord reigns*. Let your soul rest in Him!