





Read Revelation 19:1-16.  
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"He hath on His garment and on His thigh a name written. KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS".

### INTRODUCTION.

The whole world is in confusion.

The tides of human thought and action are in revolt against authority.

Lawlessness is rampant.

The Confusion is part of a Divine Method. God, through humanity, is sweeping away all false rule, authority, power.

The Lord reigneth; ultimate lawlessness is impossible.

The Christian Church has no new message to the age. She exists to bear one Witness to men. Inclusively it is that of the Reign of God, through His anointed King.

It is well for her in such an hour, herself to reconsider her message.

That we propose to do in a brief series of meditations, concerning His Kingship and Kingdom of God through Jesus, the Lord Christ.

We begin this morning with "The King."

The words of the Text constitute a poetic and prophetic description of Christ in His glory, a glory upon which the eyes of men have not rested in actual history.

It is a Vision of One Who is centrally described as "The WORD of GOD."

It describes Him As He is.

As He will be manifested.

The method of description is Superlative.

"King of Kings and Lord of lords."

THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Man has, nor can have, no other King.

His final responsibility is to HIM--alone.

In the Kingdom of God, Christ is King, for  
an expression and an accomplishment.

When the Truth is perfectly apprehended, and  
the Purpose is finally victorious, He will  
deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the  
Father.

With those fundamental things in mind, let  
us consider this King.

- A. The Kingly Character.
- B. The Kingly Qualifications.
- C. The Kingly Position.

A. THE KINGLY CHARACTER.

I. This is fundamental.

- i. Not Force of Arms.  
Policy.  
Succession.

ii. Character--Nature--Desire--Motive.

This  
Decides the use of arms.  
Determines the policies.  
Directs the exercise of authority

II. The Character of the King is LOVE.

i. The Unveiling.

Phil 2. A passage never naming Love.

a. The Cause of Existence as a Man.

"Being found in fashion as a Man".

Why? The Context.

b. The consonant Activity.

"He humbled Himself".

"He became obedient"-to Love.

"The Cross."

ii. The Result.

"Wherefore". God's KING.

The final Authority of LOVE.

Therefore a consuming Fire.  
Destroying the murderer.  
Casting out the liar.

B. THE KINGLY QUALIFICATIONS.

I. Inclusively. The Shepherd.

i. The one perfect Figure.

Homer.

The biblical Foreshadowings. Moses.  
David.

ii. The Idea.

a. As to the Flock. Watching.

Feeding.

Healing. Restoring.

Leading.

Protecting.

b. As to the Wolves. Destroying.

iii. The Claim.

"I am the good Shepherd".

"That great Shepherd" (Heb).

"The chief Shepherd" (Peter)

II. Executively. (see over) →

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i. Prophet. That is Forthteller.

Interpretation.

Based on perfect Knowledge

The failure of others.

Laws resulting from discussion.

Laws not in the interest of the  
governed.

ii. Priest. That is Saviour.

Redemption.

Based on perfect Accom-  
plishment.

The failure of others.

Inability to deal with sin.

Inability to create a new spirit.

C. THE KINGLY POSITION.

I. Authority.

No approach to God save through Him.

His Will and Word final.

II. Power.

Actual and active.

Halting Armies. Dethroning Kings.

III. Judgment.

Finding Verdicts.

Passing Sentences.

IV. Patience.

Longsuffering--Mercy.

The final Principle in Authority.

Power.

Judgment.

CONCLUSION.

He is NOW "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS!"

Reigning.

The measure of the world's deliverance from its trouble will be the measure of its submission to Him.

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The measure of the world's submission to Him will be the measure of its vision of Him through His Church.

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The measure of the Church's revelation of Him is the measure of the loyalty of the sacramental host, which constitutes her membership.

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