Praise the KING above ALL Kings ~ PSALM 98

→ Scripture Reading Heb. 1:1-2, Rom. 12:1-2, Rom. 8:20-22

INTRODUCTION

→KC Royals

God REVEALED Himself ~ Psalm 98:1-3

¹ SING to the LORD a new song, FOR He <u>has done</u> MARVELOUS things; His right hand and His holy arm <u>have worked</u> salvation for Him. ² The LORD <u>has made</u> His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations. ³ He <u>has remembered</u> His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth <u>have seen</u> the salvation of our God.

IMPLICATIONS

→This is a CALL to and a Reminder to WORSHIP God

¹ **SING** to the LORD a new song, FOR He has done MARVELOUS things

➔ God Reveals Himself to us

² The LORD has MADE His salvation KNOWN and REVEALED His righteousness to the nations.

General Revelation is God revealing Himself though His Creation

Psalm 19:1-2 (NET) The heavens DECLARE the glory of God; the sky DISPLAYS His handiwork. ² Day after day it SPEAKS out; night after night it REVEALS HIS greatness.

Special Revelation is God revealing Himself though His Word

Psalm 19:7 (NET) The LAW of the LORD is PERFECT and preserves one's life. The RULES set down by the LORD are RELIABLE and IMPART wisdom to the inexperienced.

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV) In the past God SPOKE to our forefathers THROUGH the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these <u>last days</u> he has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He MADE the universe.

Praise the LORD our KING ~ Psalm 98:4-6

⁴ <u>Shout for joy to the LORD</u>, ALL the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; ⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, ⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn - <u>shout for joy</u> <u>before the LORD</u>, the KING.

APPLICATION

If God is our King then we should be living everyday by His STANDARDS

Colossians 1:13-14 (HCS) He has rescued us FROM the domain of darkness and transferred us into the KINGDOM of the Son He loves. ¹⁴ We have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, in Him.

Creation celebrates the COMING of the LORD ~ Psalm 98:7-9

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; ⁹ let them sing before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Romans 8:20-22 (NLT) Against its will, everything on earth was subjected to God's curse. ²¹ All creation anticipates the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. ²² For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

⁹ let THEM sing before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in RIGHTEOUSNESS and the peoples with EQUITY.

We Praise and Celebrate God because...

- He provided for in the PAST vs. 1-3
- He IS and Ruler of the Universe NOW vs. 4-6
- He is Back to Earth to Rule and Judge vs. 7-9

TAKE AWAY ??

John 1:12 Yet to ALL who received Him, to those who BELIEVED in His NAME, He gave the right to become children of God...

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) ...I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

2 Timothy 4:8 (NLT) And now the prize awaits me - the crown of righteousness that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that great day of HIS return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to HIS glorious return.