

Your Throne, O God, Is Forever and Ever

Hebrews 1:8-9

Nothing in this life is forever. Youth is fleeting. Beauty is vanity. Work is seasonal. Wealth is temporary. Nothing in this life is forever—except for one thing: *Your throne, O God, is forever.*

I. Jesus reigns *as a person* - “*Your throne, O God, is forever.*”

“*And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne*” (Revelation 4:2). No man hath seen God at any time (John 1:18), the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. It is Christ’s throne. In heaven Jesus will be sitting on the throne and in him all the fullness of the Godhead. To renounce the deity and divinity of Christ requires the total renunciation of Hebrews.

II. Jesus reigns *over a place* – “*Your throne*”

When one speaks of a king’s throne (authority), one must refer to the dominion of the king. “*God has established his throne in heaven and his kingdom rules over all*” (Psalm 103:19). He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This means that nothing, not one thing, is exempt. “*The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect*” (Ps. 33:10). “*The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble*” (Prov. 16:4). All objects, animals, people, and events, are under His rule.

III. Jesus reigns *for a purpose* – “*To make things right.*”

“The righteous scepter” is the scepter of His kingdom. A scepter is a staff often made from precious metals or jewels and served as the symbol of the king’s authority and power. Jesus needs no ornate staff or scepter. He reigns for the purpose of making all things right. “*You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness*” (v. 9) refers to His earthly ministry. “*Therefore, God, your God has anointed you*” (v. 9). How it is that God can anoint God? Jesus is the expressed image of God the Father. You only know God by knowing Jesus. In the same manner, you may not understand how God allows the wicked to prosper, but: C.S. Lewis beautifully portrays Christ’s reign in his book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* :

*Wrong will be right when Aslan [Christ] comes in sight,
At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more,
When he bares his teeth, winter meets its death,
And when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again.*

IV. Jesus reigns *with a people* – “*God has anointed you ... above Your companions.*”

The King James Version renders this phrase in v. 9 “*thy fellows.*” The phrase refers to the people of Christ. He is not ashamed to call us His people or His brethren. He took upon Himself flesh, and His fellows are those with whom, by His incarnation, He has fellowship. We are called co-heirs with Christ, sons and daughters of God, saints and priests unto God. The Jewish prophets, priests and kings were anointed with oil, which was the emblem of the Spirit. He has the Spirit “without measure” and from Him we receive our anointing. When you begin to get lost in the dark times of a cursed world, remember who you are!