

Thought For The Day

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I have to admit, I was struggling. My turn for Thought For The Day was looming and I had no thoughts, none at least which were suitable to share. Then as I opened up my bible, there it was, jumping out at me, hitting me right between the eyes. Who would have thought it – from the bible!

Three simple words. Three powerful words. A strong and unequivocal declaration. The opening words of Psalm 97

THE LORD REIGNS

The Lord, the almighty, all knowing, ever present, creator, eternal, holy, righteous, majestic God; full to overflowing with glory, mercy and grace; the one who loves all He has made with an extravagant never ending passion ... this God reigns. That is, He is sovereign. Sovereign means He has supreme authority and power and all things are under His control. Phew! Thank goodness! Of course, I knew that. But sometimes, as the world, life and it's problems close in and attempt to overwhelm us, we need reminding – THE LORD REIGNS.

When I look around at some of the seriously erratic, dangerous world leaders in other countries, some of whom have nuclear weapons, I could be very afraid. But they are to God as dust to be blown away (Isaiah 40:23,24) - for all their pride and arrogance they are no match for our God. THE LORD REIGNS

When I am confronted by injustice, greed, selfishness and evil men seem to prosper, I fear that justice and goodness are being swept away. But there will be a day of reckoning for everyone, all evil doers will be dealt with (Matt 16:27) Our God is a God of justice and righteousness – they may gloat and boast now, but God will not be mocked. THE LORD REIGNS.

When I am struggling with my personal circumstances or fearful for the troubles of those I love, I am afraid of what the future might hold. But our God is a God of love and wants only the best for us. Whatever we face He is with us in it and our eternal future is safe in His hands. (1 John 3:1, John 10:27,28) The world is a troubled place, but He is with me and anyway I'm just passing through to a better place. THE LORD REIGNS

Knowing that this God, who longs for the very best for us, is ultimately in control and none can thwart His purposes, assures me that "all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well". Sure He does things and allows things that I don't understand. But I have confidence that His wisdom is far greater than mine. (Isaiah 55:8,9) So I have a peace that the world cannot give because THE LORD REIGNS

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