

2Samuel 22:38–46

“Christ the Utterly Victorious, Divine, and Universal King”

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Who is this king who utterly destroys all his enemies and rules all nations? Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. 2Samuel 22:38–46 prepares us for the Evening Sermon on the coming Lord's Day. In these nine verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that what David was to some extent, the Lord Jesus would be in its fullest extent: the utterly victorious King over all the nations, in Whom we receive the mercy and power of Yahweh.

Friday, October 1, 2021 ▫ Read 2Samuel 22:38–46

Questions from the Scripture text: What has David done (v38a)? To what extent (v38b–39)? How did this come about (v40–41)? To Whom were the enemies looking, with what response (v42)? And with what result (v43)? From what/whom else will the King be delivered (v44a)? Why (v44b–46)?

Christ is the victorious and forever King. When we consider the last three verses more closely, we realize that their application in David's life is the minor point, but their prophecy of Christ is the major point. In vv38–46, the verb stems are more appropriately translated in the future tense than the past.

It is Christ, especially, against Whom all the peoples and nations strive, but who is Head over all (v44, cf. Ps 2).

It is Christ, especially, to Whom all foreign nations will come and bow the knee (v45–46, cf. Ps 72).

Christ's destroying of His enemies will be utterly complete. It will do no good to explain away the ruthless dominance of vv38–43 by thinking that it comes from some flaw in David as a man of war. Instead, we find that Christ Himself is a Man of war—something we would know from the prophecy about Him beginning in Genesis 3:15 and going through to the end of Revelation.

God's anointed King is One who crushes the head of the enemy. It simply will not do to have a Christ Who leaves any enemies alive or any of the enemies' works undestroyed. To a large extent David did not, and here in these nine verses, he prophesies that the Lord Jesus will not at all.

There is a strong emphasis on the completeness of the destruction: not turning back until it is done (v38), being so complete that that the enemies can never rise again (v39), beating them as fine as dust and dirt (v43).

Yahweh Himself gives this everlasting victory. So, it is especially Christ, who is the victorious and forever King. And His destroying of His enemies is utterly complete. The middle section (v40–42) of our portion tells us how this is:

Yahweh Himself is fighting for His king (v40, or “as the King” in the case of Christ).

Yahweh Himself has determined the outcome (v41).

Yahweh Himself, Whom we have known from this Psalm to be the only possible help, has justly refused to be the help of the enemy (v42).

This last is a sobering reminder that the Lord is only the help of those who come to Him through Christ. There are many who think they hope in the Lord over all creation, but they don't know Him as Jesus the God-Man, and He justly does not save or answer.

But if it is through Christ that we come, we can be absolutely sure that He saves completely and forever. Not one thing or being who is against Him and us will be permitted to stand!

What enemies and evils trouble you most in this world? How many of them will remain when Christ has finished with them? Why hasn't Christ destroyed them already?

Sample prayer: Lord, all who are against You must utterly perish. But we have been against You; have mercy upon us through Jesus Christ and His blood! And grant unto us to rejoice in the completeness, permanence, and certainty of Your victory in Jesus's Name, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP2 “Why Do Gentile Nations Rage?” or TPH375 “All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name”

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Second Samuel, 22. Verse 38, through 46. These are God's words. I've pursued my enemies and destroyed them. Neither did I turn back again until they were destroyed? And I have destroyed them wounded them so that they could not rise.

They have fallen under my feet. Four, you have armed me with strength for the battle. You have subdued under me those arose against me. You have also given me the next of my enemies so that I destroyed those who hated me, they looked. But there was nothing to say not to say even to y'all way, but he did not answer them that I beat them as fine as the dust of the earth.

I trot them like dirt in the streets and I spread them out. You've also delivered me from the strivings of my people. You have kept me as the head of the nation's a people. I have not known, social me, the foreigners submit to me. As soon as they hear, they obey me the foreigners fade away and come frightened from their high tax and further reading of God's inspired underneath word.

Now, most of this psalm has been in the Cal perfect stem and tense, but these verses are in cow imperfect, which I don't remember if we got that far. When we're just teaching you guys either, but that means is present or future, especially here in the poetry. It's a future.

And that gives us a clue is to whom this is about, is about David to some extent. He did defeat many enemies. So not so completely. As we see in this passage, and he was delivered from the strivings of his people to a great extent. He certainly suffered much driving from his people when he did defeat some nations.

Although he didn't really become king over all the nations with all the nations running to him. Now all although there is some experience of David so far in this psalm as a whole that has pointed to Christ. This section of the Psalm now is making it even more clear and more intensely or forcefully.

Clear that this is about, Jesus, the King who completely destroys all of his enemies. The king, who is the one in him? We have y'all plays own strength and mercy. And without him, there is no mercy from the Lord and the king over all of the nations. So he completely destroys his enemies.

You see the emphasis on the completeness, there have pursued my enemies and destroyed them, neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed and destroyed the moon to them so that they could not rise. And then verse 443, I beat them as fine as dust of the earth.

I tried them like that dirt in the streets. I spread them out, similar to what we saw in Psalm 31 at the prayer. Meeting last night that God fully repays. The proud, the vengeance of Christ is full and complete. You don't need to ever worry about whether there is going to be justice for you.

You definitely can tell yourself not to have a vengeful spirit because you couldn't even take the proper kind of revenge anyway, and there won't be any gaps. There won't be anything missing in Jesus's revenge. He will destroy all of his and our enemies and that frees us to imitate part of the character of Christ and loving our enemies and doing good to them because he is Lord of all to him belongs.

Not just the personal love for those who have been against him but also the authoritative and judicial and kingly justice and vengeance and he perfectly combines this. Now, we are not king over our enemies. So we don't have to worry about how to combine those. We can just give up the idea of having a vengeful spirit, but Christ is, is the completely and forever victorious, king.

And he is so, because in Christ, we have the strength and defense of the Lord himself easy that especially in verses 40 through 42, you have armed me with strength for the battle. You have subdued under me, those who rose against me. You will also given me the next of my enemies so that I destroyed those who hated me because Jesus in his humanity when he took on our weakness, when he became like us in every way, except without sin, even in his sinless humanity.

According to his human nature, he was dependent upon God, he was defendant upon the Holy Spirit. How much more all we who are not sinless humans, but sinful humans and therefore much weakened by our sin. How much more, what we be dependent and yet God is abundant and sufficient for everything that we need is grace is sufficient for us as strength is made perfect in our weakness.

And so, there's something wonderful about the humility of the Lord Jesus here in verses, 40 and 41, and something wonderful about the power of the Lord Jesus, even in his human nature, the power of the Lord Jesus because he was fully is in his human nature and he he is able completely to do everything.

That is necessary, even destroying his his and our enemies now. Therefore in Jesus, we have all of the strength of God for he is not only man but God and man, and without Jesus, you don't get any help from the Lord. Look at verse 42, they look. But there was none to say even to Yahweh, but he did not answer them, it is not enough to know who the living God is.

It is not enough to know what he is. Like, it is not enough to know a bunch of theology. You must come

through the Lord Jesus. There are many people who call upon the name of the Lord and yet they're not coming through faith in Jesus Christ. And there is no mercy from God without faith in Jesus Christ.

They look that there was none to save, even to Yahweh, but he did not answer them. So Jesus is the completely victorious, king. And Jesus is the only one in him. We had, Jesus is the one and whom we have the power of the Lord. And the only one in him, we have the power of the Lord by the mercy of the Lord.

And finally, he is the the forever king of all the nations. You have delivered me from the strivings of my people. You've kept me as the head of the nations of people. I have not known, so serve me foreigners. Submit to me as soon as they hear, they obey me the foreigners fade away.

They come frightened from their hideouts. It is a great part of the glory of our Lord Jesus, that he is king over all the nations. Therefore if we love him and if we love his glory, we ought to love the work of foreign missions. We ought to love the work of the gospel, going to place as where it has never been hurt.

So that these subjects, as soon as they hear verse 45, they haven't heard of Christ, send people and the people translate the Bible into their language. Why? So that they can announce from the word of God. About the Son of God, the Savior of sinners. As soon, they here, they submit and they obey, they trust in Jesus and come to belong in to him.

And this part of the glory of our redeemer that he is king, not only over one little nation in the ancient near East. But overall, the nations is more and more fulfilled, we should love missions. We have evangelism if we love the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the only one in whom we have God's mercy and in whom we have all of God's mercy and God's power.

He will destroy all of his and our enemies. Even as he is saved us for himself by taking us from being his enemy to belonging to him. Glorious redeemer we have he grant to us the faith, the ability to love the enemy, the love for missions. That seeing Christ rightly in this passage produces.

Let's pray.

We thank you Lord. That you have given us. This portion of your word this morning for our family, that we might remember how wonderful you are in Jesus, how completely and perfectly just is how complete and perfectly. Just as your revenge upon all of your and our enemies help us.

We pray to be able to love them since we are not avenging kings help us to rejoice that you are the perfect of engine. King, we thank you that you came and initially to be the shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep, so that your vengeance didn't fall upon us, but you gave yourself for us.

That we would be saved. We pray that you would help us therefore to love our enemies. We thank you and praise you that in you we have the power of God working for us that he who did not spare you but gave you up for us is together with you freely.

Giving us all things, we need much strength for. We are very weak and so we thank you that the same perfect faith and dependence that you exercise and is counted for us as our righteousness. That, that same faith and dependence. Now is what your spirit is applying to us as he makes us to be like you help us to be humble, help us to be believing, help us to draw strength from you and gladness and we thank you and praise you.

That you have given us the opportunity to sing your glory as the king. Over all the nations to pray for your glory and missions, especially foreign missions and evangelism. And we pray that you would give us a frequent remembering of this work that we would call upon your name for it.

That we would love that work and participate in it and give to it out of a love for your glory into desire. That this part of your glorious kingship would be finally and fully completely fulfilled. Help our family, Lord work out by your spirit. What we have studied from your word just now for the rest of our lives.

We pray in your own precious name. Lord Jesus. Amen.