

When You Need to Be Reminded about Who is in Control

Background

It is the Psalm of Omnipotent Sovereignty: Jehovah despite all opposition, reigns supreme. Possibly at the time this sacred ode was written, the nation was in danger from its enemies, and the hopes of the people of God were encouraged by remembering that the Lord was still King. What sweeter and surer consolation could they desire?¹

Attributes of God (_____)

He sovereignty _____, he is in control, 1a

Greatness, 1b

An important truth: "God is great and God is good..."

Power, 1b

Stable, 1c.

Eternal, 2a

You have been in control forever.

We know God through his word see v 5.

We knew the data before and acknowledged it, believed it, adhered to it.

We know God through relating our experiences with his word.

We have seen him do what he said, we have observed his attributes in action.

God has been challenged, v 3

He will be challenged, and it may seem that he has been defeated, v 3.

In Scripture, seas, rivers, waters are often a picture of hostile nations or enemies.

He has routed his enemies and delivered his people, v 4.

¹ CRSpurgeon, *Treasury of David*, p. 134.

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God's word is secure, trustworthy, _____

_____?

His testimonies, v 5a

God's kingdom is secure, he is in control, it follows that his decrees, his word, his warnings his promises are secure, thoroughly trustworthy.

They may be old, but their author is eternal.

God is holy, v 5b

His standard has not changed, holiness is still what he expects, it is still beautiful, it is what brings blessing to his children in spite of situations to the contrary.

Just because life is tough doesn't mean the standard is lowered.

So what?

God's promises are as secure as _____.

God can always be trusted to be in _____.

God is majestic, powerful, it is his _____.

His requirements have not _____, his word has not _____, he has not _____.

When all around change I see, oh thou who changest not, abide with me.

There is still a great blessing in _____.

...the people of God were encouraged by remembering that the Lord was still King. What sweeter and surer consolation could they desire?²

<u>Who is God?</u>	<u>What has he said?</u>	<u>What has he done?</u>	<u>What does that mean to me?</u>

² CRSpurgeon, *Treasury of David*, p. 134.