



“You are my Master” ~ Psalm 16:2

- David knew who was in charge!

- I said to the LORD (Yahweh), “You are my Master (Adonai)! Every good thing I have comes from you.” (Psa 16:2 NLT-SE)
- Protect me, for I am devoted to you. Save me, for I serve you and trust you. You are my God. (Psa 86:2 NLT-SE)
- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? ² When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. ³ Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident...¹³ I am confident I will see the LORD’s goodness while I am here in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD. (Psa 27:1–3, 13-14 NLT-SE)
- Last week: Scott Presseisen talked about David’s confession, “**the Lord is My Protector,**” and related it to the danger of leaning on “fear” to protect us.

- **Worldly FEAR is not my protector...**

- We are free to **remove our boundaries** I have set in place to guard our hearts, and our lives. If we trust in these boundaries, rather than trusting in God, we limited our ability to have compassion for others, and ourselves.
- We **limit the amount of truth** that gets planted in our hearts because of the walls fear erects. When this happens we will not be free, but hidden and alone.

- **Worldly FEAR is not relational...**

- Fear has trained us how to protect ourselves. The enemy has convinced us we need to be self-reliant, leaving us alone, working our tails off to protect ourselves. If I am the guardian of my own heart, then I am all alone, and **fear has accomplished its goal of being an anti-relational spirit.**

As **Protector...** God is calling us out of our own self-made, weak towers of refuge and into the **strong tower which is found in Him.** Our tower is small and buried in the brambles of this world, keeping our vision narrow and truly on ourself. The view from His strong tower is much clearer, rising above our circumstances.

- "Who is the boss of you?"

- In our family of seven, there were many opportunities to exercise control. The oldest kids always think they should have control over the younger ones. One of the familiar phrases you hear as a parent is, "**You're not the boss of me!**"
- In the work environment, the word "boss" conjures up images of power, authority and oppression. It's not difficult for people to follow the lead of their employer, yet add, "**He's not my boss!**" Most are unwilling to place themselves in submission to anyone and our attitude toward the word 'boss' is difficult to hide.
- In Psalm 16, David answers the question, "**Who is the boss of you?**" God was his "boss," his Lord and Master to whom he bowed in submission. For some, though, the boss of their life could be another person, or perhaps a habit or stronghold.

- Adonai ~ Master, Lord

- The word **adon** (ah-DOAN) means "Lord," as a term for royalty or authority, often in reference to God Himself. With a possessive suffix, the word adonai means "my Lord," and is used when displaying an attitude of obedient submission to a greater power. When we refer to God as **Adonai**, we are saying that he is sovereign and in authority over us personally and corporately.
- **Adon** (singular form) means **Master, Lord**. Adon can refer to men or God. Adonai only refers to God. Jews refuse to pronounce the name Jehovah (*Yahweh*) when reading the OT - when they come to the Name Jehovah, they will read it as "Adonai".
- In the Septuagint (*the earliest translation of the OT from Hebrew into Greek*) **Adonai** (and *Jehovah*) are translated with the same Greek noun **kurios**, which signifies **sovereign power, supreme authority, absolute ownership**. In the NT, Jesus is referred to <20 times as Savior (*soter*) and over 700 times as Lord (*kurios*)! When the two titles are mentioned together, Lord always precedes Savior.
 - **Yahweh** = God's personal name, revealed to Moses on Mt. Sinai
 - **Adonai** = Supreme, sovereign authority, Lord, "the Boss"
 - **Elohim** = A deity, a category of being, spiritual being, a title
- Throughout the gospels, Jesus is addressed with respect by strangers as "rabbi" or "teacher." Rarely is he addressed using his common name, Jesus, and actually only by demons (Mark 1:24) and a few who didn't know him. But **Jesus' disciples and others who believed in him referred to him as "Lord,"** suggesting that they were giving him great honor.
- To call him **Lord** is to say that he is the King that God has sent who has a right to reign over us. Jesus even seems to expect that those who call him Lord **obey Him** - he said, "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46).
- **Kingdom Principles** ~ Myles Munroe, *Rediscovering the Kingdom*
 - ¹⁰ All of your works will thank you, LORD, and your faithful followers will praise you. ¹¹ They will speak of the glory of your kingdom; they will give examples of your power. ¹² They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign. ¹³ For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. (Psa 145:10-13 NLT-SE)
 - 1. God's original plan in creation was to extend His heavenly Kingdom on earth.

- 2. God's purpose was to establish a family of sons, not servants.
- 3. God's purpose was to establish a Kingdom of sons, not subjects.
- 4. God's purpose was to establish a commonwealth of citizens, not Christians.
- 5. God's purpose was to establish relationships, not religion.
- 6. God's original purpose and intent was to rule the seen from the unseen through the unseen living in the seen on the scene.
- 7. Human beings were created to exercise dominion over the earth and all its creatures.
- 8. God gave us rulership of the earth, not ownership.
- 9. God will not do anything on earth without permission or access from those on earth to whom He gave dominion.
- 10. God can do anything, but because He has given us the license, He can release on the earth only what we allow.
- 11. **The Gospel of the Kingdom** is good news: **a message sent from Daddy to all His children telling them that they can return home to the Kingdom and once again be sons and daughters in their full right.**
 - **The King...** is the embodiment of the kingdom, representing its glory and nature. Authority flows from the king and the word of the king is supreme.
 - **The Citizens of the kingdom...** are the people that live under the rule of the king. Citizenship in a kingdom is not a right, but a privilege, and is a result of the king's choice. The benefits and privileges of a kingdom are only accessible to citizens and, therefore, the favor of the king is always a privilege. Once one becomes a citizen of the kingdom, all the rights of citizenship are at the citizen's pleasure. The king is obligated to care for and protect all of his citizens, and their welfare is a reflection on the king himself. The number one goal of a citizen in a kingdom is to submit to the king, seeking only to remain in right standing with him. This is called righteousness. This is why Jesus said the priority of all men is to seek His kingdom.
 - **The Kingdom Commonwealth Principle...** All kingdoms function on the principle of a commonwealth. Commonwealth is the king's commitment to see that all of his citizens have equal access to the wealth and resources of the kingdom. This is important to the king because the quality of life of the citizens of a kingdom reflects the glory and reputation of the king. When the welfare of the king's citizens is excellent, then the king's reputation among other kings is honorable. **Kingdoms provide for all the needs of their citizens; and the king is personally committed to and involved in the welfare of his citizens.**
- ³¹ "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'"
³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. (Matt 6:31-33 NLT-SE)

"The Bible isn't designed to answer all my questions. In fact, the Bible is designed to not give up its secrets on the first reading."

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- God's kingdom is a Family

- **The gospel is simply this...** It is about a faithful Father who lost His kids and wants them back. Out of a faithful heart, He sends His Son to bring us home. He said, **"Son, go and bring them home. Whoever wants to come,**

bring them home!” This is the same faithfulness that David experienced and recorded for all generations in Psalms.

- The thing we have in common in the family of God...**is God!**
 - We all have the **same Father**. Paul spells it out in Romans 8 when he says, “¹⁵ You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. (Rom 8:15–17 NLT-SE)
 - We have all been **adopted** into his royal family. When most of us think of a king, we think of his citizens as subjects a who would never be considered royalty. That was not God’s plan. Myles Munroe says, “God is indeed a King, but **He does not want subjects. He wants sons. He does not want to rule us, but to have a family who shares His rulership.**”
 - When it comes to our value in the family, we all have **gifts and talents** that the Holy Spirit distributes to us to serve the needs of the family. The apostle Peter understood this when he said, “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” (1 Pet 4:10 NLT-SE)
- **Our love for each other flows out of His love for us.** True spiritual unity finds its source in God’s love for us, not our love for each other!
 - I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. (John 17:21 NLT-SE)
 - ⁷ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (1 John 4:7–8 NLT-SE)