









PSALM 93

Elijah

The Lord reigns, he is <u>robed in majesty</u>; the Lord is <u>robed in majesty</u> and <u>armed with strength</u>; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

> robed in majesty = surrounded with glory armed with strength = ready with strength for action

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Ben

Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

Sarah

The seas have lifted up, Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice;

Naomi

the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

<u>Tamunoemi</u>

Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the <u>breakers</u> of the sea the Lord on high is mighty. **Chiluru** Your <u>statutes</u>, Lord, stand firm; holiness <u>adorns</u> your house for endless days. breakers = great waves statutes = commands adorns = makes beautiful



From desert to the sea

All nature testifies Your splendor

traced = drew testifies = serve as evidence of splendor = magnificence

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Praise the Lord Raise your voice You heights and all you depths From furthest east to west Let everything that has breath praise the Lord You reached into the <u>dust</u> In love, Your Spirit breathed You formed us in Your very likeness To know Your wondrous works To tell Your mighty deeds To join the everlasting chorus









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Let every nation sing to the Father of everything, my Creator and King, there is none like You.



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English





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Spanish

Behold Our God ¿Quién formó las olas al hablar? Who has held the oceans in His hands? ¿Quién contó la arena en el mar? Who has <u>numbered</u> every grain of sand? Reyes pueblos tiemblan a Su voz. Kings and nations <u>tremble</u> at His voice. La creación le rinde adoración. All creation rises to rejoice.

> numbered = counted tremble = bow in complete submission



Who has given <u>counsel</u> to the Lord?
¿Quién le dio consejo al Señor?
Who can <u>question</u> any of His Words?
¿Quién cuestiona lo que Él habló?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
¿Quién al sabio Dios puede enseñar?
Who can <u>fathom</u> all His wondrous deeds?
¿Quién comprende Su gran majestad?

counsel = advice question = object to fathom = fully understand Spanish Contempla a Dios en Su trono está. Behold our God, seated on His throne. Venid y adoradle. Come, let us adore Him. Contempla al Rey, nadie es como Él, Behold our King, nothing can compare, ¡Venid y adoradle! come, let us adore Him!

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English

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Who has felt the nails upon His hands, ¿Quién sufrió los clavos en dolor? bearing all the guilt of sinful man? ¿Quién llevó el mal del pecador? God eternal, humbled to the grave. Jesucristo humilde al perecer Jesus, Savior risen now to reign! ¡Ha triunfado y reina con poder!

bearing = carrying as if His own grave = death risen = resurrected



	Women:
Reinarás por siempre, You will reign for ever.	
- male	Let Your Glory fill the earth. que Tú gloria brille hoy.
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You will reign for ever.	
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Zephaniah 3:17

Prayer of Confession

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ... The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"... But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

1 Corinthians 12:12, 21-25

Words of Assurance

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

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All or a Few

Sometimes everyone who goes to an event is an active participant

• Going out to eat

Other times only a few of those who go to an event are active participants

Solo concert

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All or a Few

- What are some situations where everyone who goes to an event is an active participant?
- What are some situations where only a few of those who go to an event are active participants?
- When is everyone supposed to be an active participant, but maybe not everyone is?
 - School
 - Why aren 't some people active participants?
- What is the right model for church?

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As Every Part does its Part Ephesians 4:1-16

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Ephesians

Letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Ephesus

Chapters 1-3: **Theology**

 \rightarrow Right thinking about God and people

Chapters 4-6: Practice/application

→ Right attitudes, words, and actions which should flow from and express the right thinking

Theology: unity including great diversity "the mystery of his will...—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ." 1:9-10 "And God placed all things under [Christ's] feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way." 1:22-23 "His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to

reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he **put to death their hostility**." 2:15-16

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Ephesians 4:1-6

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There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:7-10

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

"When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

Ephesians 4:11-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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Ephesians 4:14-16

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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1-6: We are called to unity rooted in the unity of God

- The quality of our lives should match the wonder of God's design for filling the universe with Christ's glory
- "With all humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another in love" → beautiful!!
 NOT enforced, and NOT covering injustice
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 Our commitment: make every effort for unity
 - NOT ignoring unity until everything is good
- Rooted in the unity of God
- He has authority over all people
- 7-10: He works through all people
- 11-16: His presence is in all His people

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• This only works as every part does its work

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The Big Idea God 's will & work in the world is through each and every Christian united and working together in Christ Using the gifts given to each one as Jesus chooses and equipped by God 's work in the church



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Application

Deeply value every person in the church

All ages, races, nationalities, sexes, life situations, personalities, socio-economic classes, abilities, ...

Intentionally look for and correct possible hindrances

- Actively work to overcome individual prejudices and systemic barriers and biases among us
- In other words: choose to love **us all**!

The good of the overall church depends on the contributions of each person in the church

We know we need to grow in this

We want to grow in this

Do you see a problem? Let's work together to address it!

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Application

Deeply value every person in the church

Call each person to do the works of service as gifted and enabled by Christ

- The real work of the church is done by all the people of the church
- "It is every believer's responsibility to find, develop, and fully use whatever capacities for service God has given."
- Different roles have different qualifications. For example...
 - For some roles you must be a Christian or a member
 - For other roles that isn't required
- What are these "capacities for service"?

"Capacities for service"

There is no fixed list. Let's be creative!

• Traditional categories: Word and Action

• Or...

- Head: words / thinking Writing, editing, speaking, analysis, ...
- Heart: relational / emotion? Connecting with people/God, ...
- Hands: action / productivity Setup, food, helps, rides, ...
- Some combination
- All: love!→ Otherwise: only 'clanging cymbals'
- The focus: external or internal (or both)
- Explicitly Christian, or implicitly (enacted values of God)
- Old tech (birthday cards) or new (virtual worlds)

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- How to find my place...
 - What does the Bible describe and illustrate?
 - What values are important in my culture?
 - What do I care about?
 - What do I have some ability for?
 - What are the needs we see and sense?
- Let's explore and experiment!
- Together

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Take "equipping" seriously

- It is the church's responsibility to call, to equip, and to empower every one of Christ's people to engage in the works of serving for the good of Christ's body and for the good of world
- We know we need to grow in this
- We want to grow in this
- And some of us have a gift for this!

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We can only be what God has called us to be when every part is doing its part











So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart we'll live out His Word. Till the whole earth sees the <u>Redeemer</u> has come for He <u>dwells in the presence of His people.</u>

> Redeemer = Jesus Christ, our rescuer dwells in the presence of = lives with

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share, to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the <u>afflicted</u> find <u>grace</u>, when we offer the blessing of belonging.

> afflicted = someone with suffering or trouble grace = comfort, strength, hope

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Oh, how good it is to <u>embrace</u> His command to <u>prefer one another</u>, forgive as He forgives. When we live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

embrace = gladly obey prefer one another = help others before helping yourself

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