

God Answers Man's Suffering: Life

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Hebrews 2:5, Psalm 8.
- B. Life's most important question is, "Who is Christ?" Life's second most important question is, "What is man?"
- C. The two cannot really be separated because God became a man in Christ.
- D. God has made man a king.
- E. We are supposed to live like kings--there should be dominion, glory and honor.
- F. There are three kings in Psalm 8 that can teach us to be kings.

II. King Adam.

- A. Psalm 8 is based upon Genesis 1:26.
- B. We are not animals. We were created in the image of God.
- C. Adam was created in the image of God, for God's glory and as God's ruler. (Romans 5)
- D. Adam only had the right to rule others if he could rule himself.
- E. The first man abdicated his throne because he wanted to be God.

III. King Jesus. (Genesis 5, Matthew 1, Hebrews 8, Psalm 8, Hebrews 2:6)

- A. Jesus had dominion over animals that Adam had lost.
- B. If you are saved, you are a king like Jesus. (Revelation 1:6-7)

IV. God the Spirit anointed us to be kings.

- A. We reign in life. (Romans 5:17)
- B. The anointing of the Spirit makes us kings. (Romans 6, 1 Samuel 17)
- C. When we are submitted to the Lordship of the Spirit, we can slay our giants.

Application questions:

1. How would you compare and contrast the rule of Adam and Jesus? Explain.

2. How would you explain the kingship of every believer to someone?

3. What "giants" are you facing in life? How will you face them differently in light of the message? Explain.
