

## God is King Pt1 God the Father is King

This is our first teaching from the scriptures on the topic – “God is King”. In this study we establish– (i) an earthly king sits on a throne, and reigns over a kingdom, (2) God Almighty sits on a throne in heaven and reigns over the earth, and (3) Israel rejected God from being their king and reigning over them.

Words searched in this study include – king, kingdom, throne & reign.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

### 1. An earthly king sits on a throne, and reigns over a kingdom

“Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him” (1 Chr.29: 23)– c.f.– 2 Sam.3: 9,10– “So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the Lord hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba”.

### 2. God Almighty sits on a throne in heaven and reigns over the earth

“Thus saith the Lord, The heaven [is] my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?” (Is.66: 1) – c.f.– Ps. 47: 7, 8 “For God is the King of all the earth...God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness”.

### 3. Israel rejected God from being their king and reigning over them

“And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them” (1 Sam.8: 7).

#### Illustration

When a king places burdens on the people, chastising them whips and scorpions the people rebel, they often do not discern whether their chastisement is for their sin or their kings– 1Kgs 12:11, 14, 16.

However, when God is with a king because of his obedience he prospers and the people obey him, and they know that God is blessing them –1 Chr.29: 23, 24.

Questions to think about.

Why did Israel reject God from being king?

Answers from the scriptures

The leaders, the elders of Israel rejected God from being their king because they wanted to be like unto the nations

“Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, [20] That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles” (1 Sam.8: 4, 20).

The leaders rejected God from being their king because they had forsaken the Lord “According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee” (1 Sam.8: 8).

Let us learn from Israel, and obey God as our King, and those whom He appoints to rule over us. How we receive or reject them shows how we respond to the word of the Lord!