

Victory's Crown

A MUSICAL FOR EASTER

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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“Our God Reigns” with “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Read Psalm 47:8 and Psalm 93:1. In both of these passages, God is personified by comparing Him to an earthly king.

What are some kingly attributes given to God in these passages?

It is hard for us to see God in the role as sovereign (one who possesses and executes supreme authority and power over His charge) since we are not ruled by an absolute monarch. So, read Revelation 11:15 and try to imagine the royal spectacle when Jesus Christ returns. Until then, remember Colossians 3:15 and let His peace rule your heart.

“Victor’s Crown”

Read Matthew 27:27-31. This is one description of the crown that Jesus wore on the day of His crucifixion. Imagine the pain and humiliation He bore that day. Thank Him for His sacrifice.

Now read Hebrews 2:9. How was He crowned after His death and resurrection?

Paul writes about the crown he will gain someday. Read about this in 2 Timothy 4:8. Imagine the “me” in this passage is you. Thank God for this marvelous adornment.

“Ten Thousand Angels”

Matthew quotes the psalmist in his account of Jesus’ temptations in the wilderness. Read the original quote in Psalm 91:11-12. Now compare this, in context, with Matthew 4:6.

Read Romans 8:32. As you imagine the agony that Jesus suffered that day on the cross, also imagine how His Father must have felt as He watched His Son die to pay the price for our sins.

“Christ Arose Medley”

Read Matthew 16:21 and Luke 18:33. Even though Jesus told His disciples that He would die and rise again, they still could not believe it when it happened.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Paul puts his testimony and Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection in a nutshell. Now read verses 9 and 10. Can you say this too?

“God Leads Us Along”

Read Isaiah 40:11-12. This is one of my favorite Old Testament passages. It says He holds His sheep (His children) in the hollow of His hand and keeps them close to His heart. Wow! Also read Isaiah 43. This is God’s promise to Israel, but if you read these words as if God is speaking to you, it becomes a source of comfort and security.