

God Rules Over All He Made

Big Idea: Because the earth belongs to the LORD, we live under His authority and for His glory.

Primary Text: Psalm 24; Psalm 104

Memory Verse: Psalm 24:1

Week 3 Overview

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Scripture Reading

Read the primary texts for this week.

Psalm 24

Scripture (BSB): Psalm 24

The Earth Is the LORD's

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof, the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.
- 3 Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in His holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear deceitfully.
- 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from the God of his salvation.
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face, O God of Jacob.
Selah
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may enter!
- 8 Who is this King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may enter!

Psalm 104

Scripture (BSB): Psalm 104

How Many Are Your Works, O LORD!

- 1** Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty.
- 2** He wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens like a tent,
- 3** laying the beams of His chambers in the waters above, making the clouds His chariot, walking on the wings of the wind.
- 4** He makes the winds His messengers, flames of fire His servants.
- 5** He set the earth on its foundations, never to be moved.
- 6** You covered it with the deep like a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
- 7** At Your rebuke the waters fled; at the sound of Your thunder they hurried away—
- 8** the mountains rose and the valleys sank to the place You assigned for them—
- 9** You set a boundary they cannot cross, that they may never again cover the earth.
- 10** He sends forth springs in the valleys; they flow between the mountains.
- 11** They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- 12** The birds of the air nest beside the springs; they sing among the branches.
- 13** He waters the mountains from His chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of His works.
- 14** He makes the grass grow for the livestock and provides crops for man to cultivate, bringing forth food from the earth:
- 15** wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil that makes his face to shine, and bread that sustains his heart.
- 16** The trees of the LORD have their fill, the cedars of Lebanon that He planted,
- 17** where the birds build their nests; the stork makes her home in the cypresses.
- 18** The high mountains are for the wild goats, the cliffs a refuge for the rock badgers.
- 19** He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows when to set.
- 20** You bring darkness, and it becomes night, when all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 21** The young lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.
- 22** The sun rises, and they withdraw; they lie down in their dens.

- 23 Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until evening.
- 24 How many are Your works, O LORD! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.
- 25 Here is the sea, vast and wide, teeming with creatures beyond number, living things both great and small.
- 26 There the ships pass, and Leviathan, which You formed to frolic there.
- 27 All creatures look to You to give them their food in due season.
- 28 When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good things.
- 29 When You hide Your face, they are terrified; when You take away their breath, they die and return to dust.
- 30 When You send Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth.
- 31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works.
- 32 He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the mountains, and they smolder.
- 33 I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
- 34 May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.
- 35 May sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Weekly Focus

Week 3 completes the opening section of the Manna curriculum by emphasizing **God's kingship over creation**. God is not only the Creator who speaks and the One who gives humanity dignity; He is also the rightful **Owner and Ruler** of all He has made.

This week establishes that:

- Creation belongs to God
- Authority flows from ownership
- Humanity lives under God's rule, not independent from Him

This prepares the way for the next section, **God Is Holy**, by grounding holiness in God's authority and rule.

Big Truth

Because the earth belongs to the LORD, we live under His authority and for His glory.

This truth emphasizes:

- God's ownership of creation
 - God's authority over humanity
 - Humanity's call to live in humility, worship, and obedience
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Sermon Emphasis

The sermon will focus on:

- God's rightful ownership of the earth
- God's ongoing rule and care over creation
- Humanity's response of worshipful submission

The sermon establishes the theological foundation for all group environments and home discipleship.

Group & Discipleship Flow

- **Kids** will learn that God is the King who made everything and cares for it.
- **Youth** will wrestle with authority, control, and trust under God's rule.
- **Adults** will consider what it means to live as stewards, not owners.
- **Families, Singles, and Spouses** will practice daily trust, submission, and worship.

Each environment builds on the sermon without repeating it.

Outcome Goals

By the end of Week 3, participants should:

- Understand that God owns and rules all creation
 - Recognize that their lives belong to God
 - Respond with humility, worship, and obedience
 - Be prepared to explore God's holiness in the weeks ahead
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