

April 14, 2024

Question 30: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Answer: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

– *Keach's Catechism*, 17th Century

Persevering Faith in the Holy King

Scripture for Meditation *Revelation 22:3, 4*

No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

English Standard Version. © 2001 by Crossway Bibles. Used by permission.

Hymn of Praise

There Is a Higher Throne

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
Will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace—
Salvation comes.

Refrain:

*Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies.
Their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
Strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King, who reigns on high
Forevermore.*

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with Him.

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty
Copyright © 2003 Thankyou Music
Used by permission. CCLI #2783020

Offertory Hymn of Belonging

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,”
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Matthew 10:26–39

So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

**Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life
for my sake will find it.**

Hymn of Confession

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus:

*Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

© 2015 Messenger Hymns (BMI) Getty Music Publishing (BMI) Getty Music ASCAP Designee (ASCAP) (admin. by Music Services, www.music-services.org/) Love Your Enemies Publishing (ASCAP). All rights reserved. Used by permission. CCLI #2783020

Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Peace

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk, in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

E. A. Hoffman (1887)

Dismissal for Children

During this next song, children ages 3 – K5 may be dismissed for children’s classes downstairs.

Hymn of Supplication

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Sunday Service Times

9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service

10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com.

Emmanuel Bible Church is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

Ministers

The congregation at large

Pastors

Jonathan Bastoni

Brad Baugham

Will Coen

Rhett Gieck

David Schwingle

Minister of Worship

Brian Pinner

*Administrative Assistant &
Children's Ministries*

Margaret Bastoni

Nursery Director

Janine Gieck

*Welcome & Greeting
Coordinator*

Sherry Ferguson

Deacons

Duel Deason, Facilities

Norman Bunn, Facilities

Ian Bender, Ordinances & Offering