

Our Accessible Sovereign

“The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him. He also will hear their cry and save them” (Psalm 145:18-19).

Earthly monarchs sit upon gilded thrones in garrisoned palaces, isolated and insulated from their subjects by armed sentries, bolted doors, and layers of attendants. He appears only in rare occasions when he wishes to appear or address his people. Even then there is no personal access to him.

Prime ministers, Presidents, political powers in republics and democracies must be approached through a maze of governmental agencies and employees. And then one never knows whether or not his voice reached the ear of the reigning power.

If our petition reaches the eyes and ear of the power, we have no assurance that it will be received. Mortal men have many allegiances, and their own personal agendas. Their powers are not ultimate. They also are threatened by other powers, and they must look out for their own welfare as well as ours. If the meeting of our need threatens the personal comforts and security of the power, our petition will die in his hands. Even if the power hears the petition, he can act only so far as the law of the land permits, and his limited powers extend.

Not so with our God!

We are told in Acts. 17:27-28 that “He is not far from each one of us, for in Him we live and move and have our being”. The word of faith that prevails in the ear of our God is said to be “in our mouth and in our heart” (Rom. 10:8). We only have to call upon Him and He will hear our cry and save us. He is not only willing: He is able, and unthreatened by any power outside Himself...free to do all He wills.

There are, however, qualifications to this bountiful free offer of immediate access and succor. He who *calls* upon the Lord must be a worshipper of the Lord. If He is to be our benefactor then He must first be our sole Sovereign. He will fulfill the desire of those who trust in *Him*. We may not be giving our allegiance to other gods and expect the Almighty to hear us when these cannot or will not help us. Our worship of Him must be in spirit and in *truth!* (John 4:24). Lofty shibboleth, orthodox mouthings that do not reflect a devout heart and sincere worship will not be heard. We may con men, but not God. God seeks such to worship Him, and we will be received if our heart is pure in that our trust in Him alone.

We have no need of any other prince. We will give due honor to those powers and authorities in this world, but we will look to the Lord for every desire we have. He will not fulfill those, but will be our Savior to the uttermost.

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