O Worship the King; 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

- I. Worship
 - a. "Complete dependence on or submission to a high authority figure, (fall down and) worship, do obeisance to, prostrate oneself before, do reverence to, welcome respectfully"¹
 - b. Glorious Above
 - i. He is our creator, He provides all our needs, He heals us (of our sins), He is our righteousness, He is our shepherd, He is here (with us), He is our peace, and He is our banner
 - ii. There is no question that God is glorious
 - iii. 1 Chronicles 29:11 (ESV)¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.
 - c. Therefore, we worship Him, why we completely depend upon and submit ourselves to Him, why we fall prostrate before Him
- II. King
 - a. He is our King
 - i. Kings have a responsibility for their subjects
 - ii. God has a responsibility to us (he has far exceeded that with salvation)
 - iii. He chooses to provide for us
 - iv. 1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
 - v. He provides everything for our physical lives here on this Earth and for our eternal lives in heaven
 - vi. Jesus is preparing a home for us in heave (think about that) John 14:2-3
 - b. Shield and Defender
 - i. A king is also a defender of his people
 - ii. During an attack, the king would call his people into the walled part of the city to protect and defend them
 - iii. 2 Samuel 11:1 (ESV)¹ In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.
 - iv. When the King of Assyria sent his general Sennacherib to sack Jerusalem, God protected and defended Israel
 - v. 2 Kings 19:32–34 (ESV) ³² "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city or shoot an arrow there, or come before it with a shield or cast up a siege mound against it. ³³ By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come into this city,

¹ William Arndt et al., <u>A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian</u> <u>Literature</u> (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 882.

declares the LORD. ³⁴ For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David."

- c. "The best defense is a great offense"
 - i. George Washington to John Trumbell in 1799, "It is unfortunate when men cannot, or will not, see danger at a distance; or seeing it, are restrained in the means which are necessary to avert, or keep it afar off. I question whether the evil arising from the French getting possession of Louisiana and the Floridas would be *generally* seen, until it is felt; and yet no problem in Euclid is more evident, or susceptible of clearer demonstration—Not less difficult is it to make them believe, that offensive operations, often times, is the *surest*, if not the *only* (in some cases) means of defence."
 - ii. God protects us through our salvation
 - iii. Our old person is gone, and we are a new creation
 - iv. Our defense (you might think) is working on what not to do (sin)
 - v. Instead of working on what we must not do, we work on what God wants us to become this (God's word) is our shield and defense
 - vi. Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
 - vii. 2 Peter 1:5–8 (ESV) ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - viii. Hebrews 3:6 (ESV) ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.
 - ix. Hebrews 3:14 (ESV) ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.
- d. The best way to hold fast is to become the man or woman God has made you to be
- III. Redeemer
 - a. We have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb
 - b. The King has offered Jesus as a sacrifice for our sin
 - c. O Worship the King!