

THE ROOT METAPHOR



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INTRODUCTION



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- **the central idea**
- **In kingly, royal language**
- **two specific things about God**
- **Relational power to creation**
- **the limitation of language**

INTERPRETIVE QUESTIONS TO ASK

- **What holds collection together?**
- **Possible to read as a whole?**
- **Long history**
- **What is the theological center?**



PROPOSAL

- **“The Lord Reigns”**
- **Specific verses in Psalms**
- **My tweak: “The Lord Reigns over His creation.”**
- **Psalm 31:15–Personal**



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MAIN IDEAS

- **Vision of reality**
- **The cosmos**
- **appreciate more fully four things...**
- **very nature of God**
- **The Psalms function**



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OPERATIVE METAPHORS

- **The Lord is King**
- **Refuge, rock, fortress—Psalm 18: 2 & 91:2**
- **“Almighty”—Psalm 68:14 & 91:1**



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COMPREHENSIVE THEOLOGY OF GOD

- **Every verse and every image=enormous amount of material!**
- **the rich depth of Israel's understanding of God!**



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CONCLUSION

- Promise/limitations—metaphor
- Interpretive questions & focus
- 7 texts—“The Lord Reigns”
- Helps our understanding
- Complete picture of God
- Rich & depth of understanding



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