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## Theme for 2019

## 'The God of Another Year, is a God of Wonderful and Amazing Grace. He is the God of Forgiveness and He is the God of Beginning Again.'

## **365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES!**

"O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High."

Psalm 51:15 (ESV); Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV); Psalm 9:1-2 (NKJV)



This Week's Thought – September 29, 2019

"God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne." Psalm 47:8 (NIV)

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES-Our God reigns over the entire earth. He is not just the God of the east or the God of the west. He is the God of the north, south, east and west. The long arm of the Lord reigns over everyone. The sun never sets on the Omnipresent shadow of our Savior Jesus the Christ. Indeed, He is the greatest in power, high and lofty in dominion, extremely eminent in wisdom and elevated in excellence of glory. Our God reigns in war and in peace. He reigns in crisis and in calm. He reigns in economic catastrophe and in economic prosperity. He reigns over evil and good. He reigns over nations and over individuals. Our God reigns!

He reigns from His Holy Throne. His Throne is not soiled with corruption and self-serving scenarios. His Throne is full of grace and truth. His Throne is marked and defined by holiness. It is a Throne that has never been stained with sin, corrupted by cover-up or defiled by injustice. God is seated on His Holy Throne. He never sits dismayed or in a dilemma. God does not wring His Hands in worry. He sits in serenity, for He knows His own Power and sees that His Purposes will not miscarry. He sits on a Throne where He dispenses Truth and Wisdom. Therefore, approach His Holy Throne boldly but reverently.

God reigns over the human heart. It is here that we can submit to or spurn the Almighty's Authority; but it is in submission to our reigning King Jesus that we come to know His Will for our lives. Obedience leads to opportunity.

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We have no real reason to worry or stress out because our God reigns. We can stop our complaining and murmuring because our God reigns. We can rest in a peaceful sleep at night, not tossing and turning in distrust, because our God reigns. We can give Him our grief, sorrow, and sin because our God reigns.

Our God reigns for the purpose of His glory and His glory alone. It is all about Him and His eternal aspirations. Our God reigns for righteousness' sake. Our God reigns for the sake of the gospel. Amen and amen.

"Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns." (Revelation 19:6)

On today, may the blessing of peace rest upon you...the blessing of joy abide within you...the blessing of success and favor surround you...the blessing of love flow out through you. May all the Blessings of the Lord be yours in abundance as you '<u>Encounter the</u> <u>Possibilities</u>' this day will bring!!

**Application:** We have reason to celebrate Christ's reign, so live like He reigns. Live free and by faith. Tell everyone you know that your God reigns and validate your words with your life of faith and faithfulness. Our God reigns! He reigns now and for evermore!

<u>Prayer of reflection you might pray this week:</u> "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." (1 John 5:14-15) In the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!"

Yours in Christ, Pastor King