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A KING FOR THE COLLAPSING WORLD

Psalm 2

The book of Psalm begins with -- blessed is the man, in the opening phrases. The closing verse, in the book of Psalms is, praise the Lord. And in between we have some royal Psalms - songs about King David, and Psalms that are both quoted by Peter and Paul. Especially Psalm 2.

Paul refers to this Psalm in Acts 4:25 and 13:33.

The Psalm has been divided by some people into three testimonies. First, the testimony given by God the Father. Second, the testimony given by God the Son. And third, the testimony given by God the Holy Spirit. You can discover such truths if you study the Psalm closely.

It is reason to believe that David fulfills some phases of this Psalm. The final thing in the Psalm is, that of the triumph of the kingdom of Christ. If they accept him and trust him, they will rejoice with him forever.

The New Testament quotes this Psalm real often. In such titles as my son, and the Lord's Christ. These are New Testament titles that are passed along from this Psalm.

Today, we as believers have questions and suspicions that we seek to get answers too. And we still do not seem to get enough answers to our questions. The Psalmist is very free in questioning about the things that were going on in the world and the things that were happening in his generation. He shifts dramatically in the four stanzas of three verses each. That are closely related and each picture is perfectly finished without any hurry and the purpose is that he is going to refer to the ideal king, who has come to be the Messiah of the Jewish hope.

I want to treat this Psalm in the way that it is layed out because the Psalmist - just as we are, was concerned with the wickedness, the lawlessness, and he is -- if you take Psalm 1, you will discover that the man in that Psalm meditates on God's law. Day and night. But when you come to Psalm 2, you'll find that the man is busy meditating about something else. And he is thinking about vanity -- all vanity.

Let us talk about this Psalm in three words. First, raging - V. 1-3. Second, retribution - V. 4-9. Third, requirements - V. 10-12.

I. RAGING - V. 1-3

V. 1 - Why do the heathen rage. Here are some questions.

For what reasons are the nations making such a clammer. *Conspire*

Dr. Bruce says, Now this really stirs your mind up, doesn't it. They are talking about naked savages dancing around the pot. Waiting to eat. A missionary that has just been stewed and seasoned. Is that the idea.

Now here are the people of God, and all around them are the heathen. Accordingly, they are talking about the heathen. And he says, they are raging. The word "rage" gives us the idea of a raging sea. A storm, a north easter. Where there is so much, there seems conflict. We look about us and there is so much international conflict. I believe that every thinking person in the world asks such questions as this. We think about the blood shed, the horrors of war, the commonplace things. We sit home eating supper and we watch the latest news portrayed for us. The raging nations of this earth on the screen.

Now do many of us ever ask the question, what causes this senseless strife. Here is the (middle East) - it is a boiling kettle. Now, is there any reason for that to go on hopelessly.

Here are the problems in (China.) Can peace ever come. Here are the tribal groups in (Africa) they come up. And we say what is going to happen. Where will all of this end. Is there any way out of this conflict. Why do the heathens rage. There seems to be world-wide rebellion he says. As he paints the picture and describes the scene, scene that is (incredible.) Wild commotion among many people. Mob psychology everywhere. Everyone seems upset and bothered. Stirred up in revolts and plots. And there are groups that go around exciting people and leading revolts.

V.1B And the people (imagine a vain thing) - the Psalmist says. Why do people imagine such vain things.

That is another question that he puts here at this point. They never imagine the more vain thing now - than they did then. To rebel against God's anointed. Now when you think about vanity, the Old Testament emptiness. The question is, why is there so much individual confusion.

Why do people carefully study the horoscopes. Which the thing is 100% nonsense.

Why do many young people get off many times on mysticism.

How does Moon talk hundreds of young people into marriages with people they have barely met. By promising them spiritual bonus. Why do people go around, some kids bald headed. And they go peddling books as the highest place of knowledge.

Why is it today that sex is being sold to scatter brained people. Why is that open marriage is frowned upon today and saying there is no such need for a meaningful relationship. Why is it that we have created divorce that people believe is the sole answer to unhappiness. Spiritual, social, confusion abounds and shows no sign of letting up.

There is a real danger that believers might even adopt that attitude of indifference. And Christians (may feel), well, all of this may be right after all. And this indifference, does not have the answer. Christians get easily discouraged today. In the work of the Lord. There are those who say, well, they imagine vain things. And they will sit down on God.

So here is first raging. Like waves in the ocean. What fools nations are to rage against the other.

Second, imagining, meditating, turning it over in their mind. Planning opposition and setting themselves against the anointed.

V. 2 - They talk counsel, he said, together - against the Lord's anointed. The kings and the rulers have set themselves to take counsel. Kings and rulers are able to exert great influence. For good or evil.

The (mass media) today has produced a whole new situation in our society. Talk shows, they sell their philosophy. The celebrity guests of talk shows who takes the seat of honor on the end of the couch, and he is able to influence thousands, of marriages - sharing his experiences. And often he is promoted as a chief one qualified to expose many of the things of the past.

Rulers of the throne take their past on Madison Avenue today and they live off a million dollar advertising campaign. And they sell these, and they turn out these records, these L.P.'s that shape the thinking of millions of people.

If you look around today, you'd see a lot of kings taking counsel. Their whole approach is contrary to the Lord's way. They consult themselves and not God. And they are partaking of error.

It is against his anointed. This man who is writing this has no doubt about who they are against. It is the Lord's anointed. The hostility is opening against him. And this is something that conveys to us the idea today that people felt they were self-existent. They were totally apart from God or Christ. And they were self-determined and it was against the anointed.

The title Christ, given to the Lord Jesus, is closely related to this word which means the anointed one. In fact Psalm 2:1-2 was quoted by the disciples and recorded in Acts 4:25-26. And the anointed of the Psalm became the Lord Jesus in that prayer. So it is not surprising then that our world and the raging hostility here, the very idea is against Christ.

Jer. 17:7-8

In the Old Testament times, men were anointed to be priests or prophets. Or kings. It showed God's approval. And Jesus came as God's agent, and he can do for man what man cannot do for himself. And the last thing that they want to hear is the Saviour has come. They look for their answers down on the earth, they do not look to the anointed one of God.

V. 3 - Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us.

The rulers and the leaders of men, have the same opinion today. And listen to what they say. Let us get rid of these bands and principles and standards of God.

It is very interesting here to note that the philosophy in David's time, in fact, it dates back to Adam. They decide to get rid of the cords and bands.

It was irritating. And today, the psychologists tell us that Christian morality is out of date. That Christian principles are repressive. That one should never correct a child. The advice they give in exchange for fat fees today is - let us break all of these bands asunder.

Do you know anything about the (liberation movements) in this country. Oh, I am sure you have read. One of the latest liberation movements called (Woman's Lib.) Now it takes aim at all repressive institutions. Even the church, is here in the gun site.

Young people, many, not all thank God, do not like the parents to control them - to which they have been subjected. Because of the influences. And the quest here is in the name of Satan really. We have many frustrated husbands and many frustrated wives. Because there are rebels and libers - they look for some kind of freedom. They believe they have been denied. God, who has repressed them by requirements. They believe that they can rid themselves of these bands and cords, and peace and joy and love will abound. And they are going to live in perfect happiness.

*That is what happens when a Business Man puts up a sign "Open 24 hours a Day" -
Bank of Prestron - when Billy Swann 3AM - - Bands, cords & "Lord's Day" - Break !!*

When this happens, I think this brings caos. Whenever people cast off the bands, it is like Esau and his mess of pottage. He didn't like those restraints, and we understand what it cost him.

II. RETRIBUTION - V. 4-9

We come next to look at something of the resentment and the reflecting of God upon the situation. It seems that the scene moves to courts of Heaven at this point in V. 4. "He that sitteth in the Heavens shall laugh." The rage of the people, the raging world can no more hinder God from fulfilling his purpose. Than a dark dog barking at the moon. Arrest the progress of the moon. Yet, despite all of their rebellion, here is God high above the turmoil, enthroned, and he laughs - he sits in the Heavens.

How easy it is to forget God. How prone even in believers to see the horrors of this world. Some people close their eyes and hope that the horrors will go away. We have committed our lives to a living sacrifice of service. But whatever else may happen, God must somehow overlook, we say. But he sits in the Heavens. Now this gives a great picture of God's majesty. His throne is far above this restless world. We saw the reason why the nations rage. It was because they were deliberately against God and his anointed.

God hears the sounds and he laughs at these feeble things. His anger comes and calls into account these restless rebels.

But what is God doing. The Psalmist gives us the answer. He laughs first. It does not mean that God enjoys the great amusement of these pitiful people down here who know nothing in their lives but sin. Does it mean that God gets hysterical when he sees all of this blood shed and crowds being attended and entertained by horror movies.

No, I don't think God is laughing for his own amusement.

It is ^{division} division. God has never heard anything so empty as the boasting of man.

To his ear there is nothing more insane than the words of humanity today, in which they say we can manage our own affairs.

God totally rejects your suggesting that you can in any conflict, resolve that without reference to him.

God has no time for your great schemes." And when you ignore sovereignty and replace it with what you have created. We must acknowledge that here is a god who sits on the throne. And it is his wrath and his displeasure.

Our problem today is that we as men think we can carry on, but when we consider the love of God. We think of the most loving Father we ever saw. This helps us to understand God. So God looks down with indignation upon this wild scene upon the earth. He is not afraid of these who have plotted against him. Why is he alarmed. He sits there and what a contrast. Here is raging and rebellion - but here is one who is sitting there and three words concerning a volume revealing God. Division, wrath, and displeasure. It seems as though it is not enough for him to laugh at this absence, with fear and alarm, he is aroused. Because sin is openly displayed. It is a serious crime to rebel against God. And it is a terrible thing to have God against you.

V 6 - God tells us what he has done. He says, "I have set my king upon my hill in zion. That is good news. That is enough to silence any opposition. Or any of the raging that is going on.

Fortunately, we see here, that in contrast with the kings of this earth, God has set up one who is going to be exalted. And it is Jesus Christ, his king.

In V. 7 - he says, I have declared the decree. The Lord has said unto me, thou art my son. " This day, have I begotten thee. The scene is now either in Heaven, or near the Father's throne. The anointed speaks of God's choice of him. Who shall carry out the divine plans. The plans involve judgement upon evil forces and ultimate victory. It is clear that he is the son. And that this is a marvelous declaration of the son. And he outlines the expectations and the intentions. How he plans his campaign. The Psalmist here pictures him. Thou art my son, he says. And in the book of Acts 4:25, 28, he talks about the rulers being against Christ. And he talks about Herod and Pilate. V. 27, Acts 4.

And in ^{18:33} ~~in~~ Acts, it reads, as written in the 2nd Psalm. Thou art, my son, this day have I begotten thee." This is the highest fulfillment that could come to the anointed son because it speaks of the resurrection.

Heb. 1:5, for unto which of his angels said he at any time, thou art my son. " So God speaks of his retribution and what is going to be done. He has set his son upon a holy hill, he has sent his anointed son. V. 8 - he tells of the authority that he is going to give. He is going to give this son. Now it was given to be an inheritance, the utter most parts of the earth, my possessions. God has promised that his king is going to be victorious - triumph, I am going to give you the nations. Now this is not a matter of speculation. At the pleasure of the Lord, he is going to prosper at his hands.

V. 9 - He shall have authority in judgement. Thou shall break them, the lawless nations, with a rod of iron. And dash them to pieces like a potters vessel. " When Jesus comes, whose right it is to reign, he shall put down all ungodly rule. And ungodly authority, and the raging of this world. The kingdoms of the world will become the kingdoms of our Lord. And his Christ. Rev. 11:15.

Rev. 12:5 - "And she brought forth a man child who was to rule all

Nations with a rod of iron: And the child was caught up
into God, & to his throne " -11- Here is great battle with Satan -
Jesus Born of virgin - Sin Nailed him to the cross, He died for our sins,
Therefore, those who break the bands are going to be shattered and rejected.
You have face him as judge - rod of iron -
And this gives to us unlimited power that God has over the earth and over his people.

III. REQUIREMENTS - V. 10-12

Now we come last of all, and finally to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Which points us to a remedy and points us to some resources. And encourages us to be reverent before him. This is really something that says it is silly for you to rebel against the Lord's anointed. You ought to reflect upon it.

V. 10 - "Be wise now". Therefore, and be instructed. He says, embrace this instruction. That I am giving you.

V. 11 - He said, serve the Lord with gladness". Serve the Lord without fear. And rejoice he says, with trembling. Having given your life to this anointed one, he says, begin serving the Lord with fear. Now this is a word from the King that is coming to you to invite you. And this is something that you need to pause and reflect upon. Now you have some of the answers maybe you know. But here is the answer in view of Heaven. And these are the answers that have been given, he says, if you will be wise. AND the Psalmist says, that I feel if you will take God now into your life, and you must take God seriously into the affairs of your life, and serve him.

This is not only an exercise of your mind. It is an exercise of your will. Because you serve and fear - and the word Lord, and tremble. All of these have strong emphasis upon submission, to the great king.

If your life is going to be changed from the raging world, then you must come.

In humbleness and meet these requirements.

Now the last requirement is listed in V. 12 - kiss the son, lest he be angry. And you perish from the way. Blessed are all that put their trust in him. A kiss in the Old Testament days was an expression of love. An acknowledgement of submission. Now the requirement to serve the Lord and to express your feeling, in submission. Imagine the change that comes over a person - a rebelling raging type of person. The prodigal son who was rebellious. And the Bible says, and when he came and returned to the Father, the Father kissed him. And here is a requirement in like manner. The wonderful grace that was bestowed. There is no room for rebellion here. No room for quiet indifference. Kiss the son. He says. Make peace with the son to accept him, to (fall down at his feet) and submit. Isa. 49:23, he says the kings of the earth shall be made to lick the dust of his feet.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him - Jer 17:7-8 Plow 2:17

Micah 7:17 - They will lick the dust like servants, and move out of holes like worms of the earth. They shall be afraid of the Lord. One God, and shall fear because of thee. And therefore the power that is here suggested, is that you embrace the son.

*Heb 11:12-13 2:17
Matt 3:17 "This is my Beloved son in whom I am Delighted"
Act 13:5-5:5 "Christ did not take the glory of High Priest but it was God who said 'favour my son'
2 Pet. 1:17*

There is no truer sermon anywhere. If you refuse to acknowledge the love of Christ, there is no clearer Gospel. No other sin is needed to bring the wrath of God upon your soul. Jesus said, he that believeth not is condemned already. Because he hath not believed on the only begotten son of God. He that disbelieves the son, shall not see life. But the wrath of God abideth upon him. God's wrath will blaze forth. Now you may call it cruel or lacking in love. Or you may say it is unfair. But here the Psalmist said of these rebellious men after he had warned them, he called them to come and to kiss the son. Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of

*2 Pet. 1:21-22-23 God knows how to rescue the Godly & reserve the ungodly for the Day of Judgment
Rev. 2:26 He who overcomes & continues until the very end I will give authority over the*

Now this is the kind of response that will bring happiness if you will trust in him. The way to peace, the way to joy, the way to security. This picture right here. If only you as a loving subject will find your reconciliation in God through Calvary, revolt and raging brings ruin. But Jesus is here present. A king for the collapsing world.

1956 - 5 Miss. men Trial to find Anca Indians - Educator - Martyred - Spain
Rachel Saint - sister of one, Betty Elliot widow of one Returned - Translated Mark

Kimo - 1st convert, son of Anca who had murder party -
1961 - 4 other men who participated in killing converted & baptized
1965 - 2 of converted killed baptized 2 children of Pilot Nate Saint near spot in River where father died.

1965 - Kimo's Prayer Ecstasium
Father God, you are alive, This is your day & all of us have come

here to worship you
Thank God for the Truth
If we did not have it and were empty-handed as we were before,
how would we be living?

We would be existing like animals which cannot possibly
hear & be changed.
Our hearts are cleansed because his blood dripped

down from the cross and washed us.
The cross is like a tree chopped down to bridge

A ravine.
Jesus you are our trail to heaven.
you alone are our chief. I have finished speaking"

Must be a Willingness to Repent - imp. of -