

A pass through The Psalms: Week 2: Psalm 2

In four stanzas of three verses each, David paints a picture of an aggressive and furious, *(though ultimately futile)* hostile battle between men and God and His anointed.

The Psalm narrates God's: (1) Determination to carry out His purpose, that purpose stated more specifically by His Son, (2) The establishment of the redemptive kingdom, and the (3) Imminent danger of all who resist, as well as the (4) Blessing of joy for all who welcome this mighty, triumphant king.

2:1-3 -Mankind has been at _____ with God since the very beginning... (Rom 3:11-12, 23)

-There has been a _____ revolt of all mankind since the fall... (Genesis 6:5-6, 11:4)

-This revolt is for mankind to be _____ of God and to live for self.

-This revolt is for the _____ of man.

-This revolt is a self-seeking, pleasure-seeking mission.

-This revolt sees the *rule of God* as boring, _____ & slavery...(in comparison to the freedom of self.)

But this Psalm also mentions a _____ revolt to go against the LORD and against his Anointed...

"Let us burst their bonds..."

-This is a revolt against God and his Son Jesus and their _____ bond together.

-This is a revolt to destroy God's _____. (A revolt rooted in Lucifer's 1st sin.)

-This revolt is shown in **Acts 4:27** and we see other attempts in history of kings and rulers trying to wipe out God's anointed one (promised in Gen 3:15). Such as in **Exodus 1:15-16 & Matt 2:16**

How will God respond to the scheming of wicked men?

2:4-5 -God laughs and makes a _____ of the futility of man.

-But his laughter turns to righteous anger against their wicked rebellion against his holy name.

2:6-9 -God's response continues...he has a Son!

-This Son will be the **king** on the mountain of God.

-This Son will **inherit** the ownership & worship of the nations.

-This Son will **judge** the world and **destroy** his enemies.

2:10-12 -God's gives **5 Directives** to the people of the world if they wish to be spared & have joy!

- **Act** wisely
- **Serve** the Lord
- **Rejoice** with trembling
- **Submit** to God's son
- **Take refuge** in God's Son

Personal Notes:

How does this apply to me?

_____ that earthly, routine, common plans can be hostility towards God.

1. There is nothing truly 'neutral'. (1 Cor 10:31) Whether you eat or drink...do all things to the glory of God.
2. Many of the most culturally common things in our routine could be considered enmity towards God. (James 4:4)
3. Filter everything through the lenses of eternity & purity. (Phil 4:8)

_____ God's divine rule as bondage & slavery.

1. Satan is striving for us to see God's design as boring, difficult and burdensome. (Gen 3:1, 4)
2. *Remind yourself* how submitting to/failing to follow God's design worked out in the past... (Josh 21:45)
3. *Beware when* you begin to view God as a heavy weight and obeying him as a duty. (Matt 11:30)

_____ God's rule in the world and desire it more in your life.

1. *Learn to love* God's instruction...by seeing it not only as 'right' but 'BEST'. (Psalm 119:97)
2. *Pray* that God's will would be done in your life...as it is being done in Heaven! (Matt 6:10)
3. *Surround yourself with others* who cherish the rule of God...limit time with those who don't! (Prov 4:18-19)

_____, making the most of the time you have.

1. '...be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time...' (Eph 5:15-16)
2. *Remind yourself* that we will all give an account of our lives to God. (2 Cor 5:10)
3. *Surround yourself* with others who want to make the most of their lives...avoid those who don't! (Prov 4:13-14)

_____ reverently & fearfully but not out of duty.

_____ in your salvation & your escape from destruction.

_____ to God's Son in all you do & take refuge in Him.

1. 'Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.' (Eph 5:1)
2. *Remind yourself* that God has true & total ownership of every aspect of your life (Psalm 24:1)
3. *Remind yourself* that everything done in submission to Christ is for our good & will be rewarded! (Eph 6:7-8)

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