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What did you think of the information about our DNA? Is that so cool? ALL people have about 99.5% similar DNA. The last teeny little bit is what makes us look different from each other. We are more alike than we are different. I think that's so cool! Also... our DNA is about 91% the same as baboons! Hahaha. I guess we all have the same Creator! Imagine that. 😊

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Psalm 2

As I read this passage through the lens of the Tower of Babel, I see that it is man's natural default to fight against God. Without God's help, our goal is to make a name for ourselves, which necessarily means we WILL stand against God.

Vs. 1-3 ~ "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.'"

If there are two people seeking to live apart from God, they will join together to set themselves against the Lord. Even kings and rulers will try to plot and plan to overcome the power of the Lord. This is what the people were doing in Shinar when they built the Tower of Babel. They were trying to prove they didn't need God.

But no one can truly stand against the Lord and win. They may plot against the LORD Yahweh and against His Anointed... the Messiah, Jesus Christ. They may think their strategy will break God's cords and bonds so that He cannot prevail, but they will see that there is no rival too strong for God.

Vs. 4-6 ~ "He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying, 'As for Me, I have set my King on Zion, My holy hill.'"

They plot against the Lord in vain. They sit on their thrones and meet together to counsel each other on how to gain victory over the Lord. But HE sits on HIS throne in heaven. He mocks their plans. He speaks and they are terrified. He says, "You think you have power because you are kings and rulers. But I have set MY King on Zion, MY holy hill." God's King is the King of kings and Lord of lords. "He has established His throne in the heavens and His kingdom rules over all" (Psalm 103:19).

Vs. 7-9 ~ Now the psalmist speaks from the perspective of the Anointed One, Jesus. "I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, 'You are My Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'" This is the Messiah, Jesus, speaking of the promise from the Father. He told His Son, "I will give You authority. I will make the nations Your inheritance. You will put an end to their evil. You will break them apart like a clay pot that gets smashed into little pieces.

This is a different facet of Jesus than what we often like to see. I love that He's forgiving and tenderhearted and merciful, but He's also the one with all authority and He does bring judgment on all those who rebel against Him. He is not weak. He is not a pushover. This is wonderful news for me! I'm on His side! He's on my side! The one I love and serve is the strongest, most powerful being in all the heavens, and as I'll see at the end of this chapter, "Blessed are all those who take refuge in Him."

I remember singing a song years ago. The words were based on this psalm, "Ask of Me and I will give the nations as an inheritance for you..." The chorus says, "My children, ask of Me, and I will give the nations as an inheritance for you. Ask of Me." But that's not the point of this psalm. I am not the one who receives the inheritance of the nations. The Anointed One, Jesus, is. This is specifically written as a prophecy with the Father speaking to Jesus. How often do I try to read the word as though ALL things apply to me? But this is about Jesus. To try to apply it to myself is to be guilty of doing the very thing the rulers and kings were doing... rebelling against God... trying to make a name for myself rather than pointing all glory to God.

I praise God for His mercy! He sees how I fight for SELF and He still calls me to come to Him, to repent. He is so good. Yes, He has all authority and all power. He is Judge over all. He is King over all. And praise His name, He is merciful to all who call on Him.

Vs. 10-12 ~ "Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him."

O Lord, I am not a king... but please help me to be wise. Help me to serve the only One who deserves my absolute devotion... the One who gave Himself for me. Help me to serve You with fear... reverent awe... and help me to rejoice with trembling. I know this fear and trembling are not meant to drive me away from You, but to drive me to You. I tremble before You in the

same way I would rejoice as a prisoner trembles with celebration when her hero comes in to break the chains that hold her captive, and wipes out all her captors.

Kiss the Son... as the royal subjects bend down in honor and kiss the hand of the King. Truly, You are the King of all kings. That's what salvation is, isn't it? Romans 10:9 says that salvation is believing in my heart that Jesus is the Anointed One, risen from the dead... and confessing Jesus as LORD... Kiss the Son. Who perishes in the way? The ones who refuse to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord... whether the denier is a ruler or a king or whoever. No one stands with higher authority than God. Kiss the Son. AND take refuge in Him. He blesses those who take refuge in Him.

Serve Him in reverent awe. Celebrate Him. Take refuge in Him. He is in charge, in control. And He loves me. O Lord, let me never think I need to make a name for myself again. I want to point to Your name! Amen.