

Blessed Society



Psalm 2

I encourage you to read the Psalms aloud. When you hear your voice, the Psalms can give you a different impact on your heart.

Psalm 1 speaks about the blessed man. Who are the blessed? Those who meditate on the word of God, day and night. Psalm 2 speaks about the blessed society and nation. What is the blessed society? It is one where God's Word becomes the guiding principle. It is a kingdom where the law of God is accepted as the foundation of the nation. In the Old Testament, the prophets earnestly requested to the kings, that they should rule the nation following the Torah. Torah was the law of God. If kings didn't follow the law, then the nations fell into chaos.

The Messiah will rule the earth. It will be the millennial Kingdom. It is truly a different rule from the earthly government that we experience nowadays. We hear in the scripture the voice of the nations that they don't want the Messiah to rule the nations. We hear also the voice of God who laughs to those who conspire against the beautiful and righteous future Kingdom. The voice of God proclaims the anointed King; "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." And the voice of God warns the worldly Kings, "O Kings, be wise; ...serve the Lord with fear... Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way." Which means for kings to be in intimate union with the Anointed Son of God.

Jesus, the anointed, will become the King of the entire planet earth during the millennial kingdom. Psalm 2 says that His rule will become like an iron rod for justice, love, and care for all. And Isaiah prophesied about the future kingdom; "At that time, the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and a little child shall lead them... The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Jesus surely rejects the mantle of a powerful, militaristic Messiah. Jesus' rule will reveal a different kingdom where a lion doesn't harm a lamb in a community. A community that is ruled not by power and might, but by humility and servanthood. I believe church should be a small community where Jesus' heart rules with humility and compassion. It is a joyous privilege and obligation to be a city set on a hill so that everybody may see it. And we are truly yearning for the messianic rule to arrive on the planet earth!

Grace and peace,

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