

TRUTH B-P CHURCH
Adults Sunday School

PSALM 2 – THE FIRST MESSIANIC PSALM

I. INTRODUCTION

Messianic psalms are psalms that make reference specifically to the Messiah. There are 20 of such psalms in the Book of Psalm (2,8,16,22,24,31,34,40,41,45,68,69,72,89,102,104,109,110,118,132). The emphasis of these psalms is upon the Messiah. Psalm 2 predicts the Messianic King and presents Him as the Son of God who is to be worshipped forever.

Psalm 2 has been quoted 3 times in the New Testament (Acts 13:33; Hebrews 1:5, 5:5). The Messiah is called by 3 other names/ titles: 1) His anointed, 2) My King, and 3) My Son.

II. THE WORLD AGAINST GOD!

The psalm begins with the scene on earth in the first three verses. It is a scene of uproar. It is a total rebellion that the world is gathering together to go against God. How dare the creatures gather together to fight against their Creator! And yet this is happening.

A. Evil Thoughts

Verse 1, “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?”

The people of the earth in their sinfulness are often called the heathen. The heathen are people who do not acknowledge God and choose not to have any religion. They are not the people of God. And these are the ones who are creating an uproar. But against who? Is it not against God? Why? What has God done to deserve their rebellion? Absolutely nothing! It begins with the evil thoughts in their mind. A vain thing is what contains in their thoughts. Vain means futile and empty. A vain thing is not nothing in the thoughts. It is evil, in other words. And this evil cannot stand and there is no way that can justify what they do is the right thing to do. That is why it is vain, futile and empty. Even though it is wrong and foolish, they will still do it. Even though no one can fight God and win, they will still want to do it.

B. Evil Unity

Verse 2, “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,”

This verse speaks specifically that the people of the world gathered themselves to go against the Lord. We can only assume in verse 1 that God is one whom the heathen were angry with. But here in verse 2, the Lord’s name was mentioned. And this is serious because it is recorded against them. Unless they repent, no man can be spared from His judgment. The kings and the rulers are people of power and authority. Instead of leading the people to bow down and worship the One living and true God, they are leading the people to rebel against God, and even His anointed One.

This was fulfilled when Jesus was born into this world. He came to minister and preach the kingdom of God, but was rejected as the Messiah. The Pharisees, scribes and chief priest gathered themselves and hatched a plan to get rid of Jesus. They tried several times to trap Him, in order they may find fault with Him. But all done unsuccessfully until it was time for Him to be betrayed and crucified on the cross.

The Lord Jesus is God’s anointed One. To go against God’s anointed is to go against God. Beware

of the evil unity around us. God is not dead. He is fully aware of such evil unity and let us not be found with them in their evil deeds. What is their motive?

C. Evil Motive

Verse 3, “Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.”

The bands here refer to the bands of the LORD and His Anointed. The “bands” here refer to the dominion which God rightfully had over the world. But evil men refused to submit to God’s authority and dominion over them. Like Lucifer, they wanted to become gods. They hate to be under control (but ironically they are under the evil control of Satan). They wanted to rule as they like. They wanted to break away from God. They thought they are smarter than God that they can rule over themselves better than God. What an evil motive! To seek independence from God is evil. They do not know what they were doing. They did not realize that they are digging their own grave and incurring the wrath of God against them. Who can fight against God and win? Is that not foolishness?

III. GOD AGAINST THE WORLD!

A. God Takes Note

Verse 4, “He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.”

All that the world is doing in their rebellion did not go unnoticed by God. God takes note. He will take His stand and He will also take action. That why it was said that “He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh.” Sitteth in the heavens speaks of God is in absolute control over all His creation. And He is laughing at the foolishness of these rebellious men who “dared” to go against God. What folly is this! No wonder the Lord laughs. It is impossible that they will succeed. What a total waste of time and effort in all these evil thoughts, unity and motive against Him. This verse is synonymous parallelism – meaning that the second line is a repetition of the first line in different words. For the Lord shall have them in derision. This means that God will make them a laughing stock. They will be mocked at for their foolishness.

B. God Takes His Stand

Verse 5, “Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.”

C. God Takes Action

Verse 6 , “Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.”

IV. THE ONLY WAY OUT!

A. God Gives His Son

Verse 7, “I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.”

B. God Empowers His Son

Verse 8, “Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.”

Verse 9, “Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

C. God Shows Mercy Through His Son

Verse 10, “Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.”

Verse 11, “Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.”

Verse 12, “Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.”

V. CONCLUSION