

The Universal War for Independence from God!

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“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.” Psalm 2:1-6

As we consider Psalm 2 this morning I would like to speak on the subject of: “The Universal War for Independence from God or simply: Jesus Christ the True KING! Another simple title for this Psalm could be: 3 Views of Christ in Psalm 2.

Psalm 2 is known as a Messianic Psalm for it speaks directly of Christ. This is the most quoted Psalm in the New Testament. The New Testament sheds much light on this Psalm and shows that this Psalm is written by David. This Psalm is quoted in various places in the New Testament as speaking directly of Christ. Not only does this Psalm set forth the Rule and Reign of Christ, but also sets forth the raging of the heathen against the Lord’s Anointed! Now, irrespective of the raging of heathens and of kings and common people against King Jesus, we see the determinate counsel and purpose of God in the EXALTATION of His Son. Therefore, regardless what people say or do, the LORD JESUS CHRIST sits enthroned as SOVEREIGN KING notwithstanding the opposition made against Him by His enemies.

We concluded Psalm 1 last month on Wednesday nights and I was going to continue this past Wednesday night on Psalm 2, but I felt compelled to speak on this, this morning.

There seems to be a continuity between Psalms 1 & 2, perhaps this is why there are placed together side by side. They both set forth the main idea of the antagonism between the righteous and the wicked. Psalm 1 sets forth the antagonism by contrasts of two individuals and in Psalm 2 it shows the antagonism between 2 kingdoms; the Kingdom of Light in contrast to the kingdom of darkness. Not only this but no sooner does the Psalmist conclude Psalm 1 with judgment pronounced on the lost that he begins Psalm 2 by exposing their wicked and depraved hearts. Also in both Psalms 1 and 2 we see that the end of these rebels are the same. Remember that in Psalm 1, the wicked and rebellious are like the chaff were driven away. Then in Psalm 2 the wicked and rebellious are destroyed with the rod of iron in verse 9. Notice how they read together Psalm 1:6-2:1-2; 9 *“For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed...9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like*

a potter's vessel." All the commentaries have Psalm 2 divided into 4 parts, each in set of 3 verses Even though Psalm 2 is divided into 4 parts by many, I have divided it into 3 parts and set before you 3 Views of Christ: Christ Seen Through the Eyes of the Foolish; Christ Seen Through the Eyes of the Father and Christ Seen Through the Eyes of His Followers:

The following is my basic outline for Psalm chapter 2. If I were to give a title to this series it would be: God's Glorious Son or simply the 3 Views of Christ:

God's Glorious Son

Psalm 2:1-12

I. The View of the Foolish Concerning Christ: 1-3

- A. The Foaming of the Rebellious. vs 1
- B. The Focus of the Rebellious. vs 2
- C. The Fantasy of the Rebellious. vs 3

II. The View of the Father Concerning Christ: 4-10

- A. God Answers in His Derision. vs 4
- B. God Answers in His Displeasure. vs 5
- C. God Answers in His Decree. vss 6-7
- D. God Answers in His Determination. vss 8-10

III. The View of the Followers Concerning Christ. vss 11-12

- A. Service Towards the Lord. Vs 11
- B. Subjection Towards the Lord vs 12A
- C. Safekeeping in the Lord vs 12B

This morning we will concentrate on the first point:

I. The View of the Foolish Concerning Christ: 1-3. In this first point we shall see Christ seen through the eyes of the foolish. In verses 1-3 we see the raging and foaming of the mouth of the nations where you can almost feel the deep hatred and agitation against God and His Anointed Son! As a matter of fact these first 3 verses

display the wicked hatred of unbelieving humanity against God's authority, it shows their sinful contempt against God, His Son, His Word and His Church, that is; for all that God represents. It is a unified voice of defiance against God. Amazingly that the Psalmist describes their rage as an irrational rage. They despise God and they loathe His Son and this has put them in a state of obsessive and fanatical rage. We live in a day and time where our government, schools, Hollywood, media and so forth engage on a worldly platform to attack and discredit Biblical Christianity and we are not even talking about atheists.

The first thing we see under the View of the Foolish Concerning Christ is: The Foaming of the Rebellious in verse 1, "*Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?*" The Psalmist begins with an interrogation, 'WHY.' This word why expresses indignant astonishment or horror. Perhaps we can say that the word why is equivalent to; what purpose or what end or what cause? As though David is describing mad man acting without a cause. It is the perplexity of the foolish and the ungodly attempt of these revolting people. WHY, as though David is conveying, how can this be? As though David staggers in great amazement as this is overwhelming and breathtaking to him that the nations would revolt and rebel against the True and Living God! You can almost feel the words of David; "*Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?*" What he said 3,000 years ago is so applicable in this 21st century my dear ones, unless you have stuck your head in the sand or live on a deserted island. This first verse stands out like a neon sign as it truly shows the heart of man's hatred towards God.

Now please understand that David is not astonished because they revolt against God in the context of their depravity, no David is astonished because these revolting against God really think that can succeed. It is one thing to revolt and rebel against an earthly king, but to revolt against the Omnipotent God, against the King of Kings and Lord of LORDS, David says: WHY? My goodness we could preach a whole sermon on the word WHY, but we want to preach the whole chapter. Therefore, "*Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?*" The Syriac reads, "*Wherefore do the people imagine a vain thing?*" The Arabic reads, "*Why are the people disturbed?*" Calvin says, "*Why do the nations rise tumultuously?*" Another one says, "*Why do the heathen tumultuously assemble?*" I like what Cocceius says, "*The form of the interrogation concerning the cause points out the absurdity of the commotion, for Christ came not to take away the kingdoms of the world, but to bestow the kingdom of heaven on the nations. Why then, therefore are they in such a commotion?*"

Why do the heathen rage? The word rage is the Hebrew word '**Ragash**' which

basically means to be in a tumult or commotion and or to conspire. The word gives a connotation of making a noise by a tumult by expressing a violent commotion and or agitation. You know like the raising of the fist against God. What we see here is not just an individual but the nations of the world in violent agitation against God as though they are rushing with great pleasure and anticipation unified in a purpose to stop or prevent something.

This violent agitation by the nations of the world is also seen in Romans 8:7 as it speaks of all those outside Christ, *“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”* The Greek word of enmity is **‘Echthra’** which means antagonistic hostility. This word also means hatred, a deep-rooted hatred which is an active irreconcilable hostility. It also means to be an enemy and in this application an enemy of God. Enmity here in Romans 8:7 is a hostility of complete opposition to God. Notice how this enmity and hatred is used in the 2 Commandment in Ex.20:4-6, *“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity** of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation **of them that hate me**; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.”* James uses the same Greek word in James 4:4 where he uses strong language in exposing those who would want to befriend and act like the world, *“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”* Thus, David speaks of the raging and enmity in the hearts of all those who set themselves against God.

Ps.2:1 speaks of all nations, all people, Jews and Gentiles alike who rage against God. *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed.”* Interesting to note that the word imagine in verse 1 is the same Hebrew word as meditate in Psalm 1, it is the Hebrew word **‘Hagah’** which means to meditate, to devise, to speak, to muse, to imagine and to utter. The reason I bring this out is because it’s not like the word imagine in our text here in Ps.2:1, like we are happily imagining something, like daydreaming and imagining being out on the ocean on a beautiful day, just going wow, this is beautiful or awesome, no it does not connote like daydreaming, but a vicious plotting on how to destroy God. The mind is imagining, meditating and engaged by deliberating on it, planning, scheming, devising and plotting by forming a unified purpose against God. *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed.”* The idea that the Psalmist gives is that there is a

universal vast conspiracy against God and His Anointed, which is none other than our LORD Jesus Christ. Amazing that Christ came to save sinners and sinners plot on how to destroy Him and His Book the Bible. Do we not read this in the gospels how they hated Christ and took Him by wicked hands and they slew the Lord of Glory? 21 centuries later it hasn't change.

The people plot against God. You see the idea here is a universal scheme and plot against God. Read again what David says in verses 1 & 2; *"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed."* The forces and powers of the world have collectively aligned themselves against the LORD and His Anointed. The world's governments, the courts, education, that is; the academic elite; the media and the entertainment field all these powers join together to attack Biblical Christianity. This is the prevailing opinion among the heathen and yea educated people. This is also the common venom of hatred displayed in a unified zeal by setting themselves against the Lord and His Anointed. They collectively and universally oppose God's authority, they reject His Word, they reject His LAW and they challenge HIS RIGHTFUL SOVEREIGNTY to rule over them! In order to accommodate and assert their own autonomy they whole heartily adopt foolish and illogical standards and philosophies that encompass wicked and twisted morality which viciously attacks the foundation of rational morality in society as dictated in the Garden of Eden, that is; one man and one woman in marriage. Not satisfied with this they have imposed upon society a redefining of marriage by a court order. We are in a spiritual battle my dear ones as they are purposed in agreement with such enthusiasm which is united in producing this ungodly morality. Again this boiling cauldron of raging and rebellion comes from the government, politics, academia, entertainment and even mere religion. Mankind is fervent in participating in this universal campaign. Perhaps we can call this a universal crusade against True Biblical Christianity. As a matter of fact secular humanism is the religion of America. Isn't it also interesting that the kings and rulers of this world are so full of envy in their competition against each other but their common cause is enmity against Christianity! No wonder David is astonished and shocked, notice that he concludes that it is in vain, *"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed."* As though David is saying, *"Who in their right mind would declare war against God?"* Walter Chantry says *"Yet this antagonism merges all mankind into one coordinated militia. It explains human thought and human action."* The world is against Biblical Christianity because the world is diametrically opposed to the Word of God. I copied on Facebook this week something I read that was so interesting but so true and it reads like this: *"If*

Muslims are so peaceful why are so many people afraid to offend them and if Christians are so dangerous why is no one afraid to offend them.” Another one that caught my eye which I didn’t post because I couldn’t verify its veracity read, “*U S Government calls born again Christians a top national threat; the caption reads: Obama: Christians a threat to national security.*” Not ISIS or radical groups like that, but Christians, God help us if this is true.

I think that one of the most painful and sad experiences I’ve ever had as an American citizen was in the 2012 presidential elections and it was in the Democratic platform. I have never felt like this before, I’ve been proud to be an American as a matter of fact served proudly in the US Army and when in 1978 I returned from being stationed in Germany about 2 years and the first thing I did when I got off the airplane I immediately got down and I did a push-up and I kissed the ground as I was so glad and proud to be back in America and ready to put a whipping on anyone who would burn our flag. As an individual, I still get chills and moved when I hear our National Anthem. Baron and Cathy I never said this to you all, but when Cathy asked me help her bring home for your birthday the weight lifting equipment, on the way to your house and at 5:00 o’clock the National Anthem began to play and everything stopped to which I totally had forgotten that everything stops on base when it is played. Anyway when I saw all those airmen, young men and women at the bus stop and those walking, all stop and give honor due to our anthem it brought me to tears. I was so overwhelm with such pride to be an American. As soon as I got home I shared this with my wife. Even when I referee varsity games and the Anthem is played, I get so moved because my biggest fear is the thought, of when will be the last time the Anthem shall be played in America, anyway I stand at attention and salute the flag every single time at those games, because of my love and respect for my country to whom I served! Again, my lowest point as an America, no it was not on 911 and if I had been younger I might have rejoined the military, but it was in September of 2012 I believe and the following is a direct quote from my sermon on November 11, 2012, as I spoke on America’s Spiritual Languishing, from **2 Chron.12:5** “*Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.*” In particular on the phrase: “...**Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you...**” God’s message to America is “Ye have forsaken me and therefore I also have left you.” This will be a hard message to preach and if I get emotional, please bear with me, as I do not wish upon our country any of the things I will share, but because of our moral and spiritual condition judgment is inevitable. I would do you wrong and harm you spiritually if I did not share this message, may God

grace me with boldness to preach the whole counsel of God. There are blessings and curses to individuals, churches and nations and America as a nation once had the blessings of God, but she has forsaken the Lord and the Lord has forsaken her. There is the blessing of Psalm 33:12, "***Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.***" As long as a nation has God as its LORD, that nation is under the auspices of the blessings of God. Proverbs 14:34, "*Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*" Psalm 9: 17, "*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*" Isaiah makes this powerful point in the judgement of Israel when she forsook God and is a description of America, Isaiah 1:4, "*Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.*" No doubt that our country has spiraled down morally and spiritually. During the pass Democratic National Convention, my heart has never sunk so low as to when I saw with my own eyes, live on TV, where they were going to vote to add God's name into the Democratic platform and they booed and the overwhelming majority was NO! I couldn't believe my eyes and my ears, I was in shock, because never in America had I seen such hatred towards God, I knew it then, that, it was the providence of God letting those that had eyes to see and ears to hear to take note of what was going on. At that very moment, Psalm 2 came so powerfully to me, verses 1-6, "*Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*" They booed because everyone there and everyone seeing and the speaker or moderator realized that, the majority said NOOOO, to God but they passed it and included it anyway, but it was just a form of self-righteousness and hypocrisy at it's worse. Saying no to God is nothing new, notice what the Psalmist said in Psalm 14:1-3, "*The fool hath said in his heart, There is [The phrase 'there is' is in italics.] **no God.** They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. 2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*" (End of quote)

I don't think I ever felt as low as an American, but anyone who has eyes to see and ears to hear saw and heart overwhelmingly the hatred and raging against God in America. But the question to be ask, is, why should we be so surprise? I say this because the Word of God is quite clear in regards to exposing man's hatred towards God. This is nothing new, from the very beginning from the creation of all things there has been an effort to do away with God as Sovereign Ruler of the UNIVERSE! Was this not Lucifer's sin? Satan's fall is seen in the truth that he did not want God to rule

over him, Satan wanted to rule. You can read this in Isaiah 14, in short Satan sought to accent heaven to overthrow God as he said not once, not twice, not thrice, but 5 times he raged: I WILL, I read it quickly; *“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, **Lwill** ascend into heaven, **Lwill** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **Lwill** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 **Lwill** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **Lwill** be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”* Satan was saying I WILL BE KING, not God and Satan says the same thing these here in Psalms 2 say in their wicked and depraved raging. As a matter of fact Satan was the first free-willer and he could not thwart the will of God, nor will any man alive will thwart the will of God! Was this not the same thing in the creation of man when Adam willfully, because he was not deceived, Adam willfully cast his lot with Satan against God and brought sin and death into this world. Then because of the wickedness that prevailed so mightily God flooded the earth as it says in Genesis 6:5 & 11, *“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.”* In the midst of this God saved Noah in Gen.6:8, *“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”*

Not soon after this in Genesis 11:3-8 notice what happened, *“And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, **which they have imagined to do.** 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.”* By Genesis 19 God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah for their wicked homosexuality. Since creation the battle has been raged against the Living and True God.

Then the Father sent His only begotten Son in the world to save sinners from their sins and world received Him with such joy and pomp. Some would like to think that, but from His birth He became Public Enemy # 1. Herod sought to kill Him as an infant and for the next 33 years they attempted to kill Him over and over again until they succeeded at Calvary. There was only one occasion that God would become flesh in the Person of His Son. This was mankind's opportunity to lay its hands on God of very God and they did. In the annals of the history of man, in that very moment all humanity rose up against the Lord's anointed as it says here in Psalm 2 in rage to kill and to

crucify the Son of God. Both Jew and Gentiles synergistically co-operated to slay the Lord's anointed! Religion and its followers became enraged and came against Christ whether it was the Chief priests, the scribes, the Pharisees, Sadducees or Herodians they put aside their differences to unify in crucifying the Lord's anointed. Even Political rivals like Herod and Pilate came together to conspire in putting Jesus to death.

Listen oh my dear ones on that day humanity displayed their true colors as they with a unified voice in complete solidarity cried out loudly: Crucify Him, Crucify Him, Crucify Him, they raged in their voices "We have no king but Caesar!" And do not for one moment think in your self-righteousness that you would have done otherwise, yes we all would have joined in that earthly chorus, crucify Him, crucify Him, crucify Him, away with Him! Yes we have heard of Jonathan Edward's famous sermon on "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," but on that day it was God in the hands of angry sinners!

This was the cry at Calvary, oh what raging anger and hatred was displayed toward God. The Romans soldiers mocked Him as king, as they put a crown of thorns on His head, they put on Him a filthy robe on His back, they scourged Him, that is they whip Him with 39 stripes, they put a reed in His hands and they bowed wickedly saying, "Hail, King of the Jews," they beat Him to a pulp, plucked His beard, they spat on Him, they slap Him also as His blood drained to the earth in that awful display of depraved anger and rage! The Jews also complied in complete solidarity with the Romans. He came to save sinners and sinners put Him to death and when you think about the truth that He had not committed any crimes or done wrong to anybody, yet they crucified Him between two guilty criminals and malefactors. Notice what Pilate said to them in Matthew 27:17-23, *"Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? 18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. 19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. 20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. 21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. 22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. 23 And the governor said, **Why**, (There's our word, WHY?) **what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying. Let him be crucified.**"*

The Psalmist asked this question. Why do the people rage? Why do they rage? Why do the heathen rage? Why do they imagine such a vain thing? Let us cast and break his bands and cords from us. We will not have God to be king. This is still the cry of our day, the world does not want God reigning and ruling over them. Amazing because

His Laws are perfect and His rule would be good for everybody. What is wrong with, Thou shalt not kill or what is wrong with thou shalt not steal? These are great laws. What is wrong with Thou shalt not commit adultery or thou shalt not bear false witness or thou shalt not covet, someone tell me, what is wrong with these laws? There are good laws. Consider my dear ones that many drunk persons have been turn to sobriety by the gospel of Christ. Many a thief have become honest men by the gospel of Christ, many cruel and hurtful people have become gentle and loving by the gospel of Christ! Christ gives life, Christ gives hope and Christ gives great love, but people by nature declare either verbally or in their hearts we will not have this man reign over us. I hope you are understanding the astonishing question of the Psalmist, why oh WHY do the heathen rage, why do the people imagine a vain thing? Why do the kings and rulers of the earth take counsel and set themselves against the LORD and the LORD'S anointed? Whereby they declare let break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us! The Psalmist again says in verses 1-3, *"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."*

You see brethren, whether its kings, rulers or even in our country where our President, the courts and lawyers under the guise of separation of church and state are determined in complete solidarity to do away with any reference or recognition of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Arizona a football coach is suspended for praying with his players after games. At present another football coach in Washington is in trouble for going by himself to pray on the 50 yard line after games, now some join him, but he does not invite students or parents, he just wants to give thanks to God. Amazing that people can curse at school and do all kinds of things and teenage girls can be given contraceptives, but God forbid a coach prays. Yes, we ask liked David, why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? Rulers take counsel together against God as they say, "let us break their bands and cords asunder." They don't want anything that has to do with God or with God's truth that teaches true Biblical values seen in moral living, but it's like they say, God can rule in heaven, let Him rule up there, He dwell in churches, let Him dwell there, He can dwell in Christian homes, let Him dwell there, but let Him stay in those place, we don't want Him in our government, we don't want Him in our businesses, we don't want Him as Sovereign Ruler as KING, we want to be the captain of our own lives, we want to rule and do what is right in our own eyes, away with God as we will not have this man reign over us! Jesus Christ can be God, can be Savior, He can rule in heaven, He can be a teacher in spiritual matters, He can be a healer, but He cannot be KING, He cannot rule over us.

Here we are in this advanced 21st century and the words of David from Psalm 2 are just as applicable to our day: *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.”* Yes this is the View of the Foolish concerning Christ, they foam at the mouth in their rebellion against God and they have a unified focus on their rebellion against God and they have a fantasy in their rebellion to really think that they will succeed! They spin their web like a spider only to find out how easily it can be knocked off. Like a wife at home cleaning the house and sees a spider web in the corner, she grabs her broom and a flick of the wrist she knocks it down. Yet, man thinks it can spin a web to overthrow God. These rebels think they can gather together in proclaiming their treasonable decree against God. They are resolved to band together and cast off God and His law, they think they can break away from the rule of Christ. People by nature hate God and His Bible, they do not want to submit or subject themselves to God or His word as they fight against His revealed TRUTH!

Now, no matter how worked up the lost are against God and His Word, but please notice and mark the quiet dignity of the Omnipotent Sovereign God as He does not even stand up to battle them because He knows how absurd and how irrational and futile is their attempt against Him, therefore He looks down and laughs! As the Psalmist says, their revolt is vain because the Holy One from Heaven watches the scene and laughs. He surveys the attempt of the nations as they seek to cast down God’s glory and seek to dethrone Him, He looks down and He just laughs. They are so worked up against God and God laughs. The enemies of God are easily brought to nothing as Psalm 33:10 says, *“The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.”*

After all the commotion and drama, God who sits upon His throne, has His appointed time where He will arise and vex His enemies. There is one word that really puts all of this in perspective, it is the word THEN! Verse 4 & 5, *“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5 **Then** shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.”* We serve a God who is not easily disturb or frustrated. Do you really think that man can cause God to get up from His throne, oh my, ONLY when God is willing and ready, THEN and THEN ALONE shall HE MOVED, but for the mean time He laughs at the foolishness of the lost. Oh my, but mark this; ONE day God shall arise in judgment but for the meantime He sits enthroned as Sovereign Ruler of the Universe and no person, no ruler, no president, no judge, no lawyer, that is, no one or nothing will ever dethrone the Omnipotent God! God has His appointed time when He

shall rise up to speak unto them. Please listen carefully, God will speak to, He will either speak to you in mercy or God will speak to you in judgment, God will bring peace to your soul or God will vex your soul. God will soothe your soul or God will trouble your soul, but mark it down He will speak to you in either LOVE or WRATH, God will have the last word oh my dear ones.

As we conclude, we might ask, what is the reason that causes, people, nations and their leaders to rage and imagine a vain thing against God and His anointed, which includes Biblical Christianity? This no doubt is their emphatic and assertive confession of their refusal to obey and believe in God. As a matter of fact I will venture to say that these who fight against God confess and quote Pharaoh whole heartedly without an ounce of regret or remorse as they willfully and openly with such arrogance proclaim as Pharaoh: *“And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.”* Ex.5:2. This is the world motto, who is the LORD that I should obey His voice, I know not the LORD neither will I let my sins go! Please do not for one moment think that I am exaggerating this.

The battleground has been delineated and presented to you this morning so now you must pick or choose a side, you must choose where you stand as the words of Elijah the prophet resonate and pound in our ears in 1 Kings 18:21, *“And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.”* This is your challenge this morning, you can no longer straddle the fence and be neutral about this, how long halt you between two opinions? If the LORD be God follow HIM, but if Baal then follow him. Baal represents everything I’ve been preaching in regards to the mindset of all those who are against God and His anointed: *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed.”* I hope you understand why I entitled this point the Foaming of the Rebellious which includes the Focus of the Rebellious and the Fantasy of the Rebellious. Yes, as they foam at the mouth with a hatred and rage against God while at the same time focusing on their agenda to rid this world of the Living and True God, which includes Biblical Christianity!

Therefore, I ask you again which side are you on. Christ also made this point very clearly when He said in Matt.12:30 and Luke 11:23, *“He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.”* Remember the Parable of Christ in Luke 19 that follows the salvation of Zacchaeus in verses 9-14, *“And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. 11 And as they heard these things, he added*

*and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, **We will not have this man to reign over us.**” This last statement is the motto and mantra of the world: WE WILL NOT HAVE THIS MAN TO REIGN OVER US!*

So what will you do this morning, will you cast your lot with God or will you continue to cast your lot with the world? Oh my dear ones, the MASTER has come and calls you to follow HIM! What will you do? Will you continue to rage against God or will you finally bow the KNEE to GOD, He is the only one that has the WORDS of LIFE, come to HIM this morning, quit fighting against God, raise up your white flag and surrender to God, takes side with God against yourself, come to God in repentance and in faith to the LORD Jesus Christ! Come even now and do what it says at the end of Ps.2:10-12, “*Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 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.*” Take heed to the words of David; KISS THE SON, lest He be angry and you perish from the way! Hearken to Isaiah when he says in Isaiah 45:22 & 23, “*Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. 23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.*”

Come to Christ because you will eventually lose the battle at some point, come and lose yourself to Him right now, don't wait till it too late when God rises in His wrath to judge you at death if you die without Christ, Come for the MASTER CALLETH FOR THEE!

Let's Pray:

Sing: The Master has come and calls for you