

The background of the slide is a light gray gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across it. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

PSALM 002-02

GOD MEASURING

GODS

DR. LEON L. SANDERS

PSALMS 2:4

PROLOGUE: POWER OF WORDS – REVEALS THE HEART

- WHAT ARE THE NATIONS-PEOPLES DOING: VERBALLY EXPRESSING THEIR SIN
 - RAGE { שִׁגְרָ, RAĠAS̄ } – CONVEYS RESTLESS OUTPOURING OF ANTI-GOD {UNGODLY OR ASEBEIA} SPEECH WHICH COMES FROM THE SIN NATURE (PS 65:5-8; DA 7:2-3; RO 1:29-31)
 - PLOT { הִגָּה, HAĠĠA } – GRUMBLING OR MURMURING THEIR DISTRUST-TESTING OF GOD (RO 3:10-18)
 - THESE WORDS REINFORCE {DUALITY} THEIR ASEBEIA SPEECH REVEALING REBELLIOUS PLOTTING
- HEBREW'S WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE DEMONSTRATES THIS CONCEPT: TESTING GOD
(DE 6:16; MT 4:7; HE 3:7-12)
 - MASSAH {1ST GEN} – MURMURED AGAINST GOD OF NO WATER; REJECTED CHRIST (EX 17:1-7; 1CO 10:1-6)
 - MERIBAH {2ND GEN} – GRUMBLED AGAINST GOD AND MOSES WHO ALSO SINNED VIOLATING GOD'S HOLINESS IN HIS ANGER {EQUAL WITH GOD} (NU 20:2-13; DE 32:48-52)

PROLOGUE: HEART OF REBELLION – REJECTION OF GOD

- OUR LAST DUALITY HEBRAIC IDIOM REINFORCES THE CONCEPT OF GOD'S DISCIPLINE (PS 23:4)
 - BONDS { מוֹסֵר, MO'SER } – DISCIPLINE, WARNING SINNERS OF THEIR PATH WHICH THEY REJECT; THEREFORE, GOD GIVES THEM OVER TO THEMSELVES {REJECTS GOD'S RESTRAINING} (RO 1:18-28; HE 12:3-8)
 - CORDS { עֲבֹת, ABO' } – PICTURE OF GOD'S LAW SETTING THE BOUNDARIES IN TRUTH, WHICH SINNERS REJECT, HATING THE GUILTY CONSCIENCE THAT WARNS THEM OF DEATH (1TI 4:1-2; 2PE 2:12-16)
- SINNERS ARE ASEBEIA, UNGODLY, SUBSTITUTING THEIR LIES FOR GOD'S TRUTH JUSTIFYING THEIR SIN; I.E., REDEFINING RIGHT AND WRONG TO BE AS GOD (GE 3:5; RO 1:18-32)
 - HOWEVER, SAYING IT DOES NOT MAKE IT SO – FALLACY: APPEAL TO: MAJORITY; AUTHORITY; ETC. (2TH 2:3-12)

WHY DOES GOD LAUGH? IS HE SCOFFING?

- THE TEXT, HEBREW AND ENGLISH, APPEARS TO PRESENT GOD SCORNFUL OF INSIGNIFICANT MAN MUCH AS GREEK MYTHOLOGY DEPICTS THE GODS ARBITRARILY DEALING WITH PEOPLE
 - IS GOD SCOFFING WHICH IS EVIL BY HIS OWN BIBLE? (2PE 3:3-4)
 - BIBLE ALSO STATES GOD DOES NOT TEMPT MAN WITH EVIL NOR DOES HE DO EVIL {SIN} (JA 1:13, 17)
 - THIS IS THE FALSE DILEMMA BY WHICH SINNERS FIND FAULT WITH GOD (HE 3:7-12)
- SINCE GOD DOES NOT CHANGE, NOR CAN HE SIN, OUR CONTEXT MUST WIDEN OUR PERSPECTIVE TO GRASP THE WRITER'S TRUE INTENT: TO BE AS GOD
 - SATAN SOUGHT TO BE AS GOD; I.E., TAKE GODS' {CHRIST'S} PLACE (IS 14:13-14)
 - SATAN OFFERED WOMAN, THUS MAN, THE REFLEXIVITY: YOU WILL BE AS GOD {SLAVES TO SATAN} (GE 3:5; JN 8:44; 2TH 2:3-12)

WHY DOES GOD LAUGH? WILLFUL IGNORANCE OF SINNERS

- GOD, INFINITE, UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF HIS CREATED SINFUL BEINGS BELIEVING THEY CAN BE LIKE HIM
 - THIS PERSPECTIVE IS FIRST OBSERVED WHEN GOD TELLS JOB TO STAND AND DISPLAY HIS MASTERY OF EMPIRICAL, OBSERVABLE, CREATION WHICH DECLARES GOD'S EXISTENCE (JOB 38-41; PS 19:1; RO 1:19-20)
 - AS CREATOR, GOD HAS ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS CREATION BUT MAN HAS NO ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE; GOD MADE THIS POINT WITH JOB WHO UNDERSTOOD, REPENTED AND WAS SAVED (GE 1:1; JOB 40:1-2; 42:1-6)
 - MODERN SCIENCE DOES NOT REVEAL ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE ONLY THEORIES WHICH CAN NEVER BE CONFIRMED; BY ITS OWN PHILOSOPHY
- THERE IS NOTHING GREATER THAN GOD; HENCE, HE IS AMUSED THAT CREATED BEINGS IN THEIR IGNORANCE BELIEVE THEY CAN REPLACE HIM WHICH IS REBELLION: SIN (1SA 15:23; HE 6:13; 16)

WHY DOES GOD LAUGH? SINNERS INABILITY TO CONTROL SELF

- SATAN-MAN FAILED IN ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE; BUT, EVEN MORE FATALLY, THEY FAIL IN THE VERY QUALITY THAT SEPARATES SAVED FROM LOST: SELF-CONTROL {FRUIT OF SPIRIT} (GA 5:22-23)
 - MAN COULD NOT CONTROL FLESHLY DESIRE FOR KNOWLEDGE APART FROM GOD (GE 3:6-7)
 - GOD WARNED CAIN THAT SIN DESIRED TO CONSUME HIM AND IF HE WANTED TO BE AS GOD THEN HE MUST CONTROL SIN; HE FAILED AND MURDERED (GE 4:6-8)
 - CHRIST, LAST ADAM, **CONTROLLED** HIS FLESH, NOT IN HIS POWER, BUT IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE FATHER'S WORDS {KNOWLEDGE GIVEN BY GOD} (MT 4:1-10; JN 14:8-10)
- SATAN AND MAN UTTERLY FAIL AS GODS BUT STILL JUDGE GOD AS UNWORTHY
 - HENCE GOD LAUGHS AT THEIR DELIBERATE IGNORANCE WHICH CONDEMNS THEM TO ETERNAL DEATH: DUALITY – LAUGHING AND DERISION AT THEIR DECISION TO REPLACE HIS TRUTH (RO 1:18-32)

LAUGH AND DERISION: HEBREW IDIOM DENOTING POWERLESSNESS

- LAUGH AND DERISION USED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE BIBLE AND PROBABLY A HEBREW IDIOM
 - CONTEXT: CHRIST, BEARING GOD'S WRATH FOR MAN'S SIN, ALSO SUFFERS THE IGNOMINY OF SINNER'S LAUGHING HIM TO DERISION IN HIS SHAME ON THE STAUROS (PS 22:6-8; LK 22:63-65; 23:11, 35-38)
 - NATIONS: BELIEVING SATAN'S DELUSION THEY HAVE KNOWLEDGE AND CONTROL ARRAY THEMSELVES AGAINST GOD TO CONTROL THE EARTH (PS 59:5-8; 2TH 2:3-12; RE 19:17-21)
 - GOD CONTROLS THE UNIVERSE BUT CORPORATE MAN BELIEVES CONTROL OF EARTH WILL MAKE HIM AS GOD: VERY DEFINITION OF INSANITY
- NOTICE BEGINNING OF OUR VERSES: GOD **SITS**: HE ALONE HAS AUTHORITY
 - NATIONS DEPICTED AS TOO AGITATED TO SIT; THEY HAVE NO AUTHORITY {DELUSIONAL}
(PS 37:12-15; DA 12:4)

DEATH: REVEALER OF REALITY

- GOD IS LONG SUFFERING AND NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH; HOWEVER, JUDGMENT IS COMING FOR ALL WHO PERSIST IN THEIR DELUSIONAL SIN (PS 37:12-20; EZ 18:32; 2PE 3:9)
- GOD IS NOT LAUGHING AT THE NATIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE INSIGNIFICANT; HE LAUGHS BECAUSE THEY SCOFFED AT HIS SON AND REJECTED HIS GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE (RO 5:6-11; 6:23; 1TI 2:1-6)
 - THEY MUST FACE ACCOUNTABILITY AS THEIR EFFORTS, WORKS, OF *RIGHTEOUSNESS* IN WHICH THEY TRUSTED CONDEMN THEM (HE 9:27; RE 20:11-15)
 - THEY STAND IN THEIR SELF-PERCEIVED STRENGTH AND FAIL BECAUSE THEIR STRENGTH IS SMALL (PR 24:10; 1CO 10:8-12)
- GOD WILL SPEAK TO SINNERS IN HIS JUDGMENT, WRATH AND FURY {DUALITY}, ON THAT DAY; NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION, BUT NOT ON THAT **FEARFUL** DAY (PR 1:24-31; HE 3:15-19; 1JO 4:18)

MODERN MAN: EMBRACES IGNORANCE

- MODERN MAN IS PRIDEFUL OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND CONTROL; BOTH OF WHICH ARE IMAGINARY IN HIS OWN MIND
 - ONLY THE BIBLE HAS ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE OR CONTEXT TO OBSERVABLE *FACTS*
 - MODERN MAN CANNOT REFUTE GOD, OR BELIEVERS, FROM OBSERVABLE *FACTS*; THEREFORE, HE FORCES *FACTS* INTO CONTEXTUAL IMAGINARIES OF HIS OWN DESIGN
 - SCIENTISMS ARE IMAGINARIES AND THEIR INCOHERENCIES ARE IGNORED WHILE REJECTING TRUTH
 - GOD *ALLOWS* SINNERS/GOVERNMENTS TO BUILD THEIR WORLD WHILE WARNING IT PROMOTES VIOLENCE AND DEGRADATION
- EACH PERSON CAN IGNORE GOD UNTIL DAY OF DEATH WHEN ONE FACES ABSOLUTE REALITY WITHOUT HOPE: RICH MAN AND LAZARUS – ONLY BIBLE EMPOWERED BY SPIRIT HAS WORDS OF LIFE OFFERED BY CHRIST: COME (LK 16:19-31; JN 6:66-69; RE 22:17)