

Disobedience of an Ungodly World - 07/17/19

TEXT – Psalms 2:1-12

INTRO – The first Psalm presents the “Perfect Man” the happy man

The second Psalm presents the “Rebellious Man”

This is to be compared to Genesis. It begins with the Perfect man, the happy man, in the Garden of Eden.

But he became rebellious and ran away from God, was no longer seeking Him and had no capacity for Him.

Psalm 2 is a drama of the ages. It reveals the outcome of events.

The picture goes from Heaven and then to earth.

I. A Description of the Hatred of God. Vs.1-3

Acts 4:27-29 *For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word.*

• **An angry examination**

We see the *heathen raging*, roaring like the sea, tossed to and fro with restless waves, as the ocean in a storm; and then we mark the people in their hearts *imagining a vain thing* against God.

“The kings of the earth set themselves.”

They *set themselves* resolutely to withstand the Prince of Peace.

“And the rulers take counsel together.”

They go about their warfare craftily, not with foolish haste, but deliberately.

Like Pharaoh, “Let us deal wisely with them.”

“Let us break their bands asunder.” “Let us be free to commit all manner of abominations. Let us be our own gods. Let us rid ourselves of all restraint.”

“let us cast away;” their cords from us.”

➤ **The band of marriage**

➤ **The cords of commandments**

The last days will illustrate both the world's love of sin and Jehovah's power to give the kingdom to his only Begotten. To a graceless neck the yoke of Christ is intolerable, but to the saved sinner it is easy and light. We may judge ourselves by this, do we love that yoke, or do we wish to cast it from us?

• **God laughs before them** vs. 4

Mark the quiet dignity of the Omnipotent One, and the contempt which he pours upon the princes and their raging people, He has not taken the trouble to rise up and do battle with them - he despises them, he knows how absurd,

how irrational, how futile are their attempts against him - he therefore *laughs* at them.

II. God's Will is Done – vs. 5-6

➤ **Now He speaks**

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

After he has laughed he shall *speak*;

I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion vs. 6

Is not that a grand exclamation! He has already done that which the enemy seeks to prevent.

III. The Presentation of Christ the Redeemer vs. 7-9

We have looked into the counsel-chamber of the wicked, and to the throne of God, and now we behold the Anointed warning the traitors of their doom.

God has laughed at the counsel and ravings of the wicked, and now

Christ the Anointed himself comes forward, as the Risen Redeemer

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“I will declare the decree.” Now this decree is directly in conflict with the device of man.

“Thou art my Son.”

Rom 1:4 *And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*

“For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?”

“Ask of me.” Here he declares that his very enemies are his inheritance.

IV. An Opportunity To Repent vs. 10-12

Counsel is given to those who have taken counsel to rebel.

They are exhorted to obey, and give the kiss of homage and affection to him whom they have hated.

“Be wise.” - It is always wise to be willing to be instructed, especially when such instruction tends to the salvation of the soul. *“Be wise now, therefore;”* delay no longer.

How dreadful is the folly of those who continue to be his enemies! *“Serve the Lord with fear;”* let reverence and humility be mingled with your service. *“Rejoice with trembling.”* –

There must ever be a holy fear mixed with the Christian’s joy.

“our God is a consuming fire.” Note the benediction with which the Psalm closes *“Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”*

Do we trust in *him*? The more we trust, the more fully shall we know this blessedness. We may therefore close the Psalm with the prayer of the apostles: - “Lord, increase our faith.”

CONCL –

The Psa 1:1-6 was a contrast between the righteous man and the sinner;

Psa 2:1-12 is a contrast between the disobedience of the ungodly world and the sure exaltation of the righteous Son of God.

Psa 1:1-6, we saw the wicked driven away like chaff;

Psa 2:1-12, we see them broken in pieces like a potter’s vessel.

Psa 1:1-6, we beheld the righteous like a tree planted by the rivers of water;

Psa 2:1-12, we contemplate Christ, the Covenant Head of the righteous,