

Title: The Lord God Reigns 5/5/24 PM

Text: Psalm 2

I. The World's Rebellion: (Vs 1-3)

You would think that something as wonderful as the kingdom of a loving, forgiving God would be universally accepted and desired! Not so!

a. Intense Hatred of God: (Vs 1)

The World opposes the kingdom of the Messiah:

(vs 1) Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

(World in Turmoil, People filling their heads with silly things)

b. Organized Rebellion: (Vs 2)

(Vs 2) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

“take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed,”

A Coupe to Overthrow all Aspects of God's Authority on Earth.

(Lk 19:14) “But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.”

They team up and agree to turn against God and Christ

(Ps 83:5) “For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:”

c. They re-invent god in their own image: (Vs 2)

“The kings of the earth set themselves”

Arrogance of Men in Leadership

Self Exaltation: *“Set Themselves”*

(Rom 1:21) “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”

(Rom 1:32) “Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”

d. They See Faith as Bondage: (Vs 3)

(Vs 3) Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

The World is Enamored with the idea of Personal Liberty
(Not liberty to do right and to serve, but to do wickedly)

(Jn 15:24) “If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.”

II. God's Reaction: (Vs 4-6)

a. It is foolish to Believe man Can Overthrow God: (vs 4)

(Vs 4) He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

(Dan 5:23) God holds our Breath

(Col 1:17) God maintains the Universe.

(Ps 29:10) “The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.”

(Vs 5) Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

These are they that will not Repent even when they experience His Judgment:

(Rev 9:20-21) *And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.*

They would rather Perish than Repent:

(Rev 6:15-17) *And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

b. God's Ultimate Plan for the world's Rebellion: (Vs 6)

(Vs 6) Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

The Promised Return of Christ
(Rev 19:11-16)

The setting up of the kingdom of Christ, notwithstanding that opposition:

(Heb 2:8) *“Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.”*

(Even though they oppose Him, his purposes are perfected)

1.) Jesus Christ is a King, and is invested by him who is the fountain of power with the dignity and authority of a sovereign prince in the kingdom both of providence and grace.

(Jn 5:22) *“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:”*

(2.) God is pleased to call him *his* King, because he is appointed by him, and entrusted for him with the sole administration of government and judgment. He is his King, for he is dear to the Father, and one in whom he is well pleased.

(Jn 5:25-27) *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.*

(3.) Christ took not this honour to himself, but was called to it, and he that called him owns him: *“I have set him;”*
his commandment,
his commission,
he received all from the Father.

(Jn 10:18) *“No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”*

(4.) Being called to this honour, he was confirmed in it; high places (we say) are slippery places, but Christ, being raised, is fixed: *“I have set him, I have settled him.”*

(5.) He is set upon *Zion*, the hill of God's holiness, a type of the gospel church, for on that the temple was built, for the sake of which the whole mount was called *holy*.

(Heb 5:6-9) *As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*

Christ's throne is set up in his church, that is, in the hearts of all believers and in the societies they form

III. God's Promise to Christ His Son: (Vs 7-9)

a. God's Decrees are Unstoppable: (Vs 7)

(Vs 7) I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

The confirmation and establishment of it: (Is 14:27) *“For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?”*

b. God's Promises are Unshakable: (Vs 8-9)

(Vs 8) Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

(Vs 9) Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Submit Now!

God will Humble the Proud:

(Dan 4:37)

(Dan 5:22-23)

He did with Pharaoh & Nebuchadnezzar, & He will do it to all who Oppose Him!

(Lk 14:11) *“For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”*

IV. God's Offer of Redemption: (Vs 10-12)

(Vs 10) Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

(Vs 11) Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

(Vs 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.

a. The Gospel Message: A call and exhortation to kings and princes to yield themselves the willing subjects of this kingdom:

b. Act of Surrender & Worship

Repent Now While His Wrath is yet Contained,

(Prov 30:4) *“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?”*

(Is 9:6-7) *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to*

order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

(Is 40:12) Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

Whose Side are you on?

We should not be surprised to See The World Opposing God

We should take comfort in that God is in control and His Plans will not be thwarted.

We should also Warn others who are still as of yet undecided, as the Wrath of god is still Contained, but for how long?