



The Imbecility of Insurrection

Psalm 2, A Prophecy of Christ.

Psalm 2:1-12

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, *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.

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

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

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

10 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.

I. Insurrection and rebellion are synonymous and is an abomination to God.

A. God will always judge rebellion and bless faithfulness.

B. The consequences of rebellion against God are unavoidable.

C. Many times we don't see the immediate consequences of rebellion against God and misinterpret it as God's approval.

2 Peter 3:7-9

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

- D. Then there are times when God judges rebellion instantly.
 - 1. Annanias and Saphira
- II. Verse 1 of Psalm 2 describes the vanity of rebellion against God.
 - A. The word “vain” literally means empty or no purpose.
 - B. In this context you have the heathen, or nations, and the people of those nations imagining things of no purpose.
 - C. The question in verse 1 is, why?
 - 1. There is confusion from David. Why would anyone rage, or cause a tumult, plot or conspire, and imagine vain things about Christ.
- III. Verse 2 tells us the kings set themselves.
 - A. This is always used in context with one king setting himself and his army against another king and army, ready for war.
 - B. This verse further states the rulers take counsel together.
 - 1. They reasoned and philosophized AGAINST God and His anointed.
 - C. What is happening is first, there is discontent, then imaginations go wild, the next step to rebellion is to get ready for a fight and find someone else to take with you...then rebellion.
- IV. The third verse is the verse of rebellion.
 - A. It is the intention of rulers, nations and individuals who rebel against God to do what they want when they want and how they want, without restraint.
 - B. They view accountability and responsibility to God as restraint and bondage.
 - C. This rebellion comes in three forms:
 - 1. Outright disobedience to the commandments of God.
 - 2. The adoption of programs contrary to the ways of God and biblical principles.
 - 3. Rejection of God as the authority in our lives.
- V. The response of God to rebellion against Him is laughter.
 - A. Not the laughter of merriment or joy...but of derision and scorn.
- VI. Verse four tells us God begins to speak. Not with loving kindness, but through His wrath.
 - A. It also tells us He will vex them in His sore displeasure.
 - 1. Vex means to terrify.
- VII. Verse five tells us the chosen king is set on the holy hill of Zion.
 - A. God told David, messiah would come from him.
 - B. Jesus Christ is called the son of David.
 - 1. When you trace the lineage of the humanity of Christ, you can trace it back to David.
 - C. Christ is the chosen king to rule and reign in the affairs of men.
 - D. He is the king of kings and Lord of lords.

E. The Bible says, ..."of His kingdom there shall be no end..." (*Luke 1:33*)

VIII. Verses 7-9 go together.

A. I will declare the decree...decree literally meaning the ordinance or law.

B. It is plain, all things and everyone is to be subject to God.

1 Corinthians 15:27

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

All this describes the folly of rebellion. It is foolishness to try to rebel against the Master of the Universe.

IX. Let's look at wisdom.

A. Verse 10 is a call to hear wisdom and instruction.

B. Verse 11 tells us to serve the Lord with fear or reverence.

1. Rejoice with trembling.

C. Verse 12 tells us to honor Him.

1. Kiss means to give homage, honor and pure worship.

D. All those that put their trust in Him are blessed.

It is imbecility to court the spirit of insurrection against God, but what a blessing to serve Him.