

Kingdoms in Conflict

Psalm 2

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Introduction: “Therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the Lord with reverence and rejoice with trembling” (vs. 10-11).

A. Current Events

1. The sons of Issachar were men who “understood the times with knowledge of what Israel was to do” (1 Chron. 12:32).

a. Today, it is equally prudent for believers to understand the times we live in so as to “stand firm” against the schemes of Satan and to effectively wield the “sword of the Spirit” with precision.

b. Now that same sex marriage has become the law of the land in America, God’s people are asking similar questions: What are we to do? How shall we respond to the culture at large?

2. God is not surprised by the Supreme Court’s decision. In fact, He writes about the decline of nations in Psalm 2.

a. Our current human disappointments are related to the abrupt shift in the American political landscape. How quickly our country has fallen from grace to embrace things immoral, wicked, and evil?

b. Paul’s charge to Timothy was to preach the word; in season and out of season. We definitely live at a time when preaching is passé (2 Tim. 4:2-4). Yet we must still be faithful to proclaim God’s truth.

I. The Secular Scandal (1-3)

A. The Seduction

1. Verse 3 begins with a rhetorical question. “Why are the nations in an uproar? And the people devising a vain thing?”

a. Why would people encourage government to embrace the very sins that will destroy the nation to which they belong?

b. Homosexuality and same-sex marriage are described by God as detestable, wicked, and an abomination (Gen. 19:7; Lev. 18:22, 20:13). How come these sins have gained widespread popularity?

c. Ironically, the majority of people now call good, evil - and evil, good (Is. 50:20).

1) Marriage in the United States has, for over 200 years reflected God’s design for human flourishing. Not so, anymore ☺

a) Gen. 2:24 – “*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.*”

2) Verses 1-3 describe a nation that thinks mocking God and everything godly is cool. They want to live free from God’s control.

II. The Singular Solution (4-9)

A. The Savior

1. God’s only solution to the world’s problems with sin is His Son, Jesus Christ! … the King ruling from Zion.

a. God is not panicked with the World’s decisions to mock His Word and malign His character. “He sits in the heavens and laughs” (vs. 4).

1) The word “scoff” is used again in Psalm 59:8 – “*But You, O LORD, laugh at them; You scoff at all the nations.*” (See also Prov. 1:22 ff.) Judgment will come in God’s time (Isa. 5:24-26).

b. All sexual sins are serious because they bring death, destruction and ruin to marriage, family, community and culture.

1) God’s promise of Judgment is sure! And one day every person will answer to the Lord Jesus Christ (vs. 6; Phil. 2:8-11).

III. The Spiritual Significance (10-12)

A. The Sentence

1. David concludes the Psalm with a stern warning to all who will listen to this song.

a. “*Now, therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth.*”

1) There is still time to repent and believe the truth before it’s too late. “*Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled.*”

b. David used words that describe the attitudes and actions of all true Christians; worship and rejoicing. Faith joyfully receives the truth.

c. The Psalmist concludes using a refrain typical of many Psalms and Proverbs. “*How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!*” (Ps 1:1; 34:8; 84:12, 112:1). Fully satisfied are you who trust in the Lord!