

Psalm 2

The Heathen

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Focus Verse: Psalm 150:6

Lesson Verse: **Psalm 2:4**

I. Introduction to the Book of Psalms

- A. The Book of Psalms in the Old Testament is God's answer to the headaches and heartaches of life. Without it the Bible would not be complete - as a matter of fact, next to the Gospels, Psalms is probably the most read part of the Bible because of the reality and the promises found there!
- B. Last lesson, we learned about the Blessed Man, a happy man or woman!
- C. This week we turn to the heathen – the unsaved, and see prophecy show up, and point our attention forward to the coming of the Messiah!
 1. This is clearly a “Messianic” Psalm – a Song about the coming Jewish Messiah
 2. The apostles (in Acts 4:27) state that this Psalm applied to:
 - a) Pontius Pilate
 - b) Herod
 - c) The Gentiles – all the non-Jews
 - d) And all the Christ rejecting Jews
 - e) At the time of Christ's crucifixion
 3. We will learn about Christ's Second Coming more than the first coming though here

II. Psalm 2- "The Heathen"

A. Who Are the Heathen (Psalm 2:1)?

1. The Gentiles
2. Non-Jews in the Old Testament
3. Unsaved, unbelievers in the New Testament
4. We usually think of the heathen as uncivilised, pagans
5. But they are anyone who is not born again!

B. Why Are They So Upset (Psalm 2:1-3)?

1. The Heathen's Rage - as in murder and riot
 - a) Note the anger – comes from not wanting God – not submitting
 - b) An unnatural hatred of God
 - c) An attempt to try and stamp out Christianity (Acts 7-9)
 - d) Be careful that YOU don't have such anger!!! It is a doorway to demonic control!
2. Kings and Rulers Lead the Way
3. It's in their Imagination - imagine vain things – futile things
 - a) That we don't need God
 - b) We can learn everything we need to know from ourselves, and “science”
 - c) People can work out their own problems without God, or the Bible
 - d) All this world needs to do is just “get together” and establish peace and justice, and we will bring in a new world order
 - e) Why do the people imagine vain things?
4. They are Upset at Two Beings:
 - a) Jehovah God
 - b) They are Upset at God's Anointed
5. So, What Are People's problems With God?
 - a) The bands, cords of God's LAWS
 - b) Controls, restrictions, limits, things that hold us back
 - c) People have no problem with God's that don't really interfere

6. The heathen have one goal – global unity (2:2; Zeph 3:8) – without God. To do it they must do the following:
 - a) Get rid of God – Out of the classrooms, and boardrooms, the bedrooms, and TV rooms, and the prison rooms, and the political rooms!
 - b) Get rid of God's anointed – His Christ! Christmas is being deemed as offensive – swapped with Santa. Easter eggs and bunnies instead of an empty tomb!
 - c) Get rid of moral controls and restrictions on life and love – considers them like iron bands, and cords, binding them, and hindering them from “freedom”! People hate this Book!
 - 1) There has been no greater freedom than enacted by Bible believing, and God fearing men and women in history!
 - 2) The greatest foundation for freedom is right in your hands – the Laws of God
 - 3) The greatest revelation about MAN in right in your hands – better than all the psychological studies of all time put together
 - 4) We need God's laws!!! In our government, in our homes, in your meditation, in our churches, in our schools, etc!
 - 5) YET, God's Laws are the first to be thrown out – replaced with religious ceremonies, and socialism, and atheism
 - d) Put up their OWN “christ”! The anti-Christ! THAT is the goal of this world! Their own “christ”
 - e) All of this was the goal of the people at the time of the tower of Babel (Gen 10)

C. God's Reaction (Psalm 2:4-9)

1. Not Worried. He has a great time watching the world come together under Satan – he is the god of this world
2. Actually Laughs at this world - God has His own feelings about the matter (2:4-9)
 - a) The Lord God calls them “fools”
 - b) About as worried about them as a B2 bomber is worried about a dust speck in its way!!!
 - c) A derisive laugh is a completely confident laugh at the stupidity of what someone else is doing
3. Will Speak from Heaven
 - a) All God has to do is speak a word, and it's over down here (Ps 19:11-15,19-21)
 - b) No matter how many billions of people are against God, and His words!
 - c) God reveals more about this in Pr 1:26,27 – He is not pleased with this world's attitude – angry
4. God is going to establish His OWN kingdom, with His OWN King on the throne
 - a) Will Destroy this World System
 - 1) He does not seek to destroy, but to rule – The Lord will be back as King of this world in contrast to the current “god” of this world (2:7,8; 2 Cor 4:3,4)
 - 2) He proved that by the coming of Jesus the first time – as SON! Jesus was not ALWAYS a human Son. There was a day when He was BORN!
 - b) Will Set up a Right Kingdom - God will establish His kingdom – the Millennium by:
 - 1) Setting His king in Zion against all odds – in Jerusalem! Where he is least wanted
 - 2) Bringing the entire world, including the heathen under His control (2:8)
 - 3) Breaking all the rebellion in the world – conquering with a rod of iron
 - 4) Destroying this old world system
 - 5) All because he is the righteous Judge of all the earth (1Sam 2:10; Isa 11:4)
 - c) With God's SON as King
 - d) With the Heathen under Him

D. Our Reaction - The Smart Thing to Do (Ps 2:10-12)

1. Listen to wise advice – from God's word
2. Serve the Lord with both fear and JOY! See terror in 2Cor 5:11
 - a) Godly fear is trembling, not just reverence!
3. Kiss the Son – worship Him at His feet

- a) Not like Judas did
 - b) But with great honour and worship
 - c) Make Him feel important around here
 - d) Worry about upsetting Jesus – the SON!
4. Put all your trust in Him – He still saves HEATHEN, and he WILL reign!

III. Conclusion, and Study Questions

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