

Man's rebellious attitude toward God's rule over him.

¹ Why are whole nations of people all worked up to the point of rioting in opposition to God and His moral standards? Why do the individuals of those nations devise and conspire to do all sorts of deeds that both defy God and are in themselves void of anything that even remotely resembles good? ² Why do the leaders of those nations resolutely take their stand against God, and finally, why do rulers and those in authority under them work as a team to devise a plan of action that would allow them to break free from the moral and ethical restraints placed upon them by the God of heaven and by His Son, Jesus Christ the Messiah₁? ³ They not only formulate a plan but openly brag about how they intend to make their plan work. The answer to these questions is simple: they want to be free to enjoy their sin without any fear of punishment or guilt.

God's response to man's rejection of His rule

⁴ These rebellious people really believe that they will achieve their goals, but they are completely oblivious about the fact that God is looking down from heaven, fully aware of all that they are attempting to do. As He watches, He laughs at their stupidity. Then He ridicules them and makes fun of their powerless plans to dethrone the Lord of heaven and earth. ⁵ He may choose to be silent about their foolishness for awhile, but at the time of His choosing He will let them know that He is furious about their sin. When He tells them, "Enough is enough," they will be absolutely terrified as He allows the devastating consequences of their own sins to come crashing down upon their heads to destroy them forever. ⁶ Then God will tell them, "Do as you wish and suffer the consequences, but as for Me, I have placed My Son, Jesus Christ the Messiah, on the throne of Israel, My holy mountain. He is King of kings and Lord of lords, and He is the only One holy enough to sit with Me on the throne of heaven in power and glory."

God's attitude about man's rejection of Him

⁷ Listen and I will tell you what my God said to His Son Jesus Christ, the Messiah: "You are My only begotten Son. Today I have prepared a physical body for you in which you will dwell for the purpose of communicating my truth to the peoples of the world and redeeming those who will believe in you. ⁸ Ask me to do it, and I will give you the nations of the world and the whole earth itself as an inheritance so that after you die and are raised from the dead you will rightfully possess them. ⁹ Then it will be Your privilege to take vengeance upon those who rebelled against me, and you will shatter them just like a hammer shatters a clay pot.

Man's proper response to God's rule over him

Trust in Jesus Christ and be saved

¹⁰ Since Jesus Christ the Messiah has the right and the power to punish every disobedience of men, reconsider your stand against Him. You who are ruling authorities, carefully consider the consequences of your decisions and act wisely. You who are judges of the people, be warned that God will hold you responsible for your judgments, so make good ones. ¹¹ Make up your mind to serve Jesus Christ the Messiah willingly as an act of worship, and then respect and admire Him for the great God that He is. Be thankful that you have another opportunity to fear and respect Him knowing that He can crush you if you disobey His commands.

Submit to God

¹² Bow your proud heart before Him and kiss His feet as an act of submission. Do this before He becomes disgusted with you. If you don't, He may become angry with you. Be assured that even a little bit of His anger is enough to grind you into powder and completely destroy you, leaving absolutely no way for you to recover. It makes good sense to take refuge in Jesus Christ the Messiah because everyone who trusts in Him finds real happiness and peace.

¹ For the sake of application, since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" the phrase "Jesus Christ the Messiah" has been used.

Psalm 2

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