

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

KING JESUS & OUR FREE NATION

Psalm 2

Give thanks for 234 years of freedom. Will it continue long?

1. **Jesus Christ: King & Lord over nations and rulers**

Psalm 2, composed by David under inspiration of the Spirit Acts 4:35)

- possibly for his coronation as king (Ps.2:7 with Ps.89:26,27).

But its assertions go way beyond what was true of King David –

- inheritance of the nations to *the ends of the earth* (v.8)

- kings of *the earth* owe obedience to him (vv.2,10)

The Holy Spirit inspired the New Testament apostles and prophets

to see Jesus, the Anointed One (v.2) as the great King of Psalm 2

(Acts 4:25-27, 13:33, Hebrews 1:5, 5:5, Rev.2:26f, 19:15)

Jesus is God's Son – not merely as the human heir to David,

but as the eternal Son of the Father in the unity of the Triune God.

(Romans 1:3,5, 9:5)

Jesus is the Son of Man of Daniel 7:13,14 Whose dominion will extend

over all people, nations, and languages forever.

This is the basis for the Great Commission – for the church's mission

to proclaim Christ's Lordship over the nations and call them to

surrender to Christ's rule.

2. **Under Christ, the King of Kings:**

No "divine right" of democracies

As King of kings & Lord of lords (Revelation 19:15,16),

Christ is the Judge of nations & of the rulers of nations.

Psalm 1 pictures nations & their rulers in rebellion against the LORD &

against His anointed King (vv.1-3)

This is the natural conduct of fallen man driven by wicked pride to

seek independence from God, from God's Law, & from God's King.

God **laughs!** (v.4) Is evil rebellion funny? No, but it is absurd.

God is NOT threatened – Isaiah 40:13-17,21-26.

Psalm 33:6-11: He Who spoke the universe into existence

nullifies the plans of nations,

and ALWAYS carries out His own plans.

Therefore His nation (Israel/Church) is truly blessed (v.12).

All nations? Even the U.S.A.? Daniel 4:25-27, 34,35

As there is no "divine right of kings";

neither is there a "divine right of democracies".

ALL nations are subject to Christ and His judgments.

3. **The future of America: Freedom or slavery?**

The answer depends on the will of God, not man,

and on the degree to which the nation as a whole honors Christ.

Rebellion against God & Christ is not freedom, but slavery to sin –

and His judgments may bring slavery to other masters.

What does this mean for the Church of Christ?