

WHO HAS POWER AND WHO DOES NOT?

Psalm 2:1-4 “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed. . He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.”

There are many walls that divide countries, people and even religions. A vying for power occurs with each side striving to control the other. Division separates. In politics, even within one of the parties there can be division and battles for control. In the church liberals and conservatives do everything in their power to control seats of power. This is true in units of life as small as a family where husbands and wives struggle with one another to control their family.

The writer of Psalm 2 says, “wait a minute!” The Holy Spirit guides his words to show there are only two sides. On one side are nations and kings and on the other are Almighty God and His anointed. (verse 3) This can be applied to the divisions that exist not only in countries, among people, in religious groups, but all areas of life.

The President of the United States, with all the resources of this nation and its mighty military can think that he can do whatever he wants. He and no other world leader has ultimate power. The leader of a religion can believe that what he says is supreme. A husband can say since he is the head of his family his word is law. Not so.

“He who sits in the heavens laughs.” (verse 4) He laughs at human beings who believe they have ultimate power or are in charge of whatever they believe they control. God, however, addresses such thoughts with a question and an answer found in Psalm 121:1-2, “where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 127:1-2 adds even more to this word from God, “Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves.”

To whom then should you look? God’s word’s answer is, “Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the LORD

and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.” (Psalm 37:5-7)

Prayer: O Lord, grant me by the power of Your Holy Spirit faith to rely and trust in You for all things resting secure in the knowledge that this universe and all in it are Your creation, that You are Almighty, know all things and since You are for me then nothing can be against me.” In the strong name of Jesus, Your Son, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need of grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!
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