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The third division of this indeed remarkable psalm. I've already seen the voice of the father. In verses 4 to 6 after we've seen the voice of the nations in one to three nations are crying rebellion against God and Christ the Father is meeting out he is dispensing chastisement. And rebuke. To the nations. Now the voice of the son versus 7-9. I will tell of the decree the Lord sent to me thou art my son this day have I begotten thee ask of me and I'll give thee the nations for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy position. Thou shall break them with a rod of iron. Thou shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel verses 7-9. The voice of the sun or as he's saying here we have the commission and rule of the son. Verse seven. He has it because of his person because of these persons in verse eight he has his possession and because he is who he is this person these possessions are in good hands and they are secure because he has the power. Verse nine we read. I will tell of the decree. The son is speaking.

Now what does he mean by indicating that he will tell or explain or declare the decree. What's the decree? Well there it is in verse 6 yet. Have I set my king upon my Holy Hill as Zion? Have you noticed that all the pronouns are in the first person? It's God moving. I my my. Now I been to the Holy Land. Almost a dozen and a half times and I've looked. Often at the hill of Zion but I've never seen God's King seated there because he's never been seated there but he will be seated there. But verse 6 indicates that it's as well as done. It must then be if it's not in reality. If
it's not in accomplishment. If it's not in realization how must it be. It must be in the purpose in
the decree of God. He decided that he is going to do it. I will tell of that decree what decree
about how my father is going to set me as king upon his holy hill of Zion the decree here the son
elaborates on the thought in verse 6 with regard to his rule and he tells why he is worthy of this
rule. He is worthy of it as to his person he's the son of God.

Hebrews 1 tells us that no one else could claim to be the son of God. God never said
Thou art my son this day have I begotten thee to any of the angels or any created being at any
time on any occasion. This is because of his marvelous person he is worthy of it. Tell that decree
the Lord said unto me thou art my son this day have I begotten you. Now that's impossible for
that to have been David or any other man any other writer. How could that man say that the very
day that he was writing this God says to him You are my son. This day have I begotten thee.
Now we have a tendency to take all these things on the human plane and God speaks of father
and son and other relationship so that we can understand it on the human plane. But this
begetting of the son was in all eternity as long as you have a father you have to have the
corresponding concept of son and as long as you have a concept of a son there must be a father.
There is an unbreakable and indissoluble eternal ever abiding adoring ever enduring relationship
of God and Father.

So he says because he has sustained this relationship from all eternity. So you see now
friends. Why what these nations wanted is so impossible a fulfillment so impossible of success.
They want universal rule. They want global dominion but that's not in their power. God has
never decided to give that to them. He never intended to give that to. They had never done
anything to deserve it. They have not done anything to please the father in order to obtain it.
Besides he has made clear that he has wanted this from all eternity for his own son. So here we
have his person because of his person. Here are his possessions. Ask of me. Ask of me God the father said to God the son ask of me. He's still telling the decree. Ask of me and I'll give thee nations for thine inheritance. That's when he's king on Zion. I'm going to give you all the nations for your inheritance. A father of a King always gives him a grand and sumptuous luxuriant inheritance. As a gift. And he's got to have it all the nations and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy position. I have often asked my classes and others in ministry in churches. When God the father said to God the Son ask of me for the whole world as your inheritance and your position.

I want to ask what do you think the son asked the father. Did he ask him for just some little part of the world? Some little earthly paradise as they might call it some Shangri-La some dream land. Some South Pacific a lush haven. No. When God the father said. Ask me for the limit Christ gave his request and it was all that verse speaks of the son's permission granted of the father he was not a usurper. Is not taking this on his own. The father says I want to give this to you. Ask of me. It was the custom of kings you know to give favored ones whatever they asked you find that in the Book of Esther Ahasuerus said to Esther unto half of the kingdom ask me and I'll give it to you. And when Salome danced. You remember how Herod said What shall I give you. Egged on, prodded on by her mother. She asked for the head of John the Baptist. What an unseemly dastardly request but because he wouldn't be shamed in that he said he would give whatever she wanted. He went through with it. My dear friends do you think God is not going to be good as his promise if earthly kings can give theirs on such useless grounds. It's in the heart of God to give this to Christ Christ receives it from the father we have that in Daniel seven 13 to 14 one like the son of man comes unto the ancient of days he's followed by thousands upon thousands and tens of thousands and thousands of thousands.
And he comes nigh with this retinue under the father and that judgment is set and he is
given a kingdom which shall never pass away which shall endure forever which is ever lasting.

When God says ask me Christ does ask a large petition. I remember in seminary days we had a
wonderful wonderful hymn that we loved to sing in the hymn book. We are coming to a king
large petition's let us bring. I remember reading an incident in the time of Alexander the Great.

He had been befriended before he became sovereign after his father Philip the second of
Macedonia of Greece Macedonia is a section of Greece as Acacia is. When he came to the
emperorship he had been befriended by a certain individual and he had told that individual if you
ever need anything just feel free to call on me what this gentleman the friend of Alexander was
about to marry off a daughter and he wanted some money for it and the King told him to go to
the treasure.

And he went to the Treasurer the head of the Exchequer. And indicated a certain sum he
wanted why that man almost fainted he said why you could marry off a half a dozen daughters.

With that amount or with that Dowry. He said well I want it so the treasurer said I'm going to
have to bring this request directly to Alexander and he did. When Alexander heard it out he said
Give that man every drachma of it every farthing of it. He believes me not only to be wealthy but
generous also. Well our God has infinite wealth and is infinitely wealthy. Remember this friends
God is never impoverished he's never made poor by giving. And he's never enriched by
withholding. You say I don't understand it. You are learning wonderfully rapidly. That's our
God.

The story is told of a new minister in a Georgia church who was delivering his first
sermon. Well the Negro janitor was a godly man and he was a critical listener from a back corner
of the church. After the service one of the deacons who always liked to. Visit a bit with the dear
old godly Negro one of thedeacons asked the old Negro janitor he said I saw that you were listening quite intently more than usually. What do you think of this new minister? Good Don't you think he's tremendous pulpit. Yes. Well he couldn't get much more out of him. So he thought he'd ask him something more. Developed and broader. Don't you think Joe that he offers up a good prayer. He said Boss he most certainly does. Why that man. Asked the Lord for things the other preacher didn't even know he had. Christ knows what the father has and God the father tells him to ask. That's exactly what the son is going to ask and notice. It's one thing for a man to be in the royal line to be the right person and he may have the right possessions by virtue of that. Remember Haile Selassie in World War II. Because he was a descendant in the Ethiopian dynasty.

He had his possessions but he didn't have the power to maintain them. Will this blessed one have the power well because of his person. These possessions are given to him but because of his person he has the power to maintain these possessions without interruption. His power is in verse 9. This verse speaks of his power in his rule thou shall break them with a rod of iron. There is going to be some opposition. Thou shall dash them into pieces like a potter's vessel. That's like an earthenware it's gone in just a very little time. That verse speaks of his power and his rule. He'll put down all opposition all rebellion read Revelation twelve five he rules the nations with a rod of iron revelation 19:5 power to execute every phase of his Blessed will in his reign of justice and of judgment and of righteousness. And then finally we come to that forth canvas that fourth masterpiece our spiritual scriptural revelation. Art what is it. Verses ten to twelve. It's the voice of the spirit. You see when the nations are in such chaos making Cosmos chaos turning the world upside down they have to deal with Christ and when they deal with
Christ they deal also with the voice of the spirit. All the Trinity answers that kind of rebellion on the part of all the nation.

So you have the voice of the father the son and the Holy Spirit. And they answered directly to the issue. Look at verses ten to twelve. Now therefore be wise oh you Kings be instructed ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the son lest he be angry and you perish in the way but his wrath will soon be Kindled. Blessed are all they that take refuge in him. Now therefore now is a reasoning word and so is therefore therefore means for the reasons I've already given you the futility of what these nations want the ability of the father. The marvelous investiture. Of the son with the inheritance now. The Spirit of God. In view of all the real purposes of God. In view of the uselessness of any defiance of God we have here the council the advice and reasoning of the spirit in view of all that's been revealed now the purposes of God verse six once in a crisis. His King on his holy hill of Zion. In view of the uselessness of any defiance of God whatever the others are meditating is a vain thing an empty thing not worth anything in view of the opportunity to yet to give allegiance to God in Christ he says. Now therefore be wise.

Notice the next part of the verse be instructed oh let this get into your minds. Let it sink into your consciousness. Remember it it's addressed chiefly to those who are at the head of the nations. Notice it Kings judges rulers of the earth the very ones that have been at the forefront been in the frontline of the rebellion against God in Verse 2. Yes, there at the head of the revolt. What does he tell them to be wise about? What does he tell them to be instructed concerning? Serve the Lord with fear rejoice with trembling ah. God is to be worshipped and served with fear and joy fear without joy that's reverential fear without joy would be slavish joy without reverential awe would be unbecoming and presumptuous. When we come to the king the Lord of
the sovereign of all the universe true worship is a compound of various wonderful emotions.

Yes. Now therefore do that notice what you have here friends psychology tells us and proper psychology is correct here man is a thinking individual, he has an intellectual side. He is a feeling individual, he has an emotional side and he is a deciding or volitional individual and God makes an invitation to man's intellect be wise be instructed. He makes an appeal to his emotions fear, rejoicing, trembling.

Now the wonderful exhortation or appeal to his will. What is it. Kiss the Son. What a beautiful expression. Less ye to be angry. You perish in the way for his wrath will soon be kindled. Blessed are all they that take refuge in him. Now what's the meaning of Kiss the son. If you read the scriptures of the Old Testament and the new you'll find that kiss the son and psalm 212 is equivalent to what we find in Acts Chapter 16. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ that's kiss the son. It's the advice for all Kings as well as subjects kissing the son. It's a sign of worship of trust. You remember how God told Elijah I have seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Bale nor kiss their hand toward him even in Europe. If one wants to show he's saluting an individual he's respecting him that he is acclaiming that he's recognizing him. He will put his hand to his lips and give a sign of the kiss it's a sign of worship. First Kings 19:18 job says. You know Lord I've never turned aside for anything idolaters to. I've not raised my hand and saluted in a kiss. I've not kissed my hand to the sun or to the moon or any the bodies of the heavenly spheres.

But remember this is to be a kiss of reality. It's not to be a kiss of a hypocrite. Not as Judas not a treacherous deceitful kiss kiss the son. That means believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Well do you do this twelfth verse in all of its parts is a handbook. It is a veritable handbook of soul winning just as verse for instance Verse 5 is a beautiful summary of revelation. Chapters 4
through 18 actually all of revelation four think of the condensation in this psalm revelation. Chapters 4 through 18 is in verse 5 that's the time when God's going to speak to the rebellious nations in his wrath and he's going to vex them in his grievous displeasure. Yes, you have a condensation here you have a little handbook of soul winning. Here's a personal evangelism text. What are we to seek to do apart from anything else. Don't tell a fellow now quit doing this. Quit doing that. Quit doing the other. Be sure you go to this and that the other don't put down a list of rules. Keep him to the central issue. What are you to do when you share Christ share Christ. Tell him about Christ. Do what not to recognize his wisdom not to recognize his power but to recognize him as savior and to appropriate him to trust him kiss the son.

Well somebody says Suppose I don't want to lest he be angry if you don't accept him then you have invited the anger of the Lord Jesus Christ this infinite one. Well suppose he is angry. My parents have been angry at me at a time or so. My brothers and sisters have been those in the family have been my husband or my wife has been. Ah but there's more to it than that here. When you don't trust Christ and he's angry you know it's at the end of the way you perish in the way even John 3:16 that so many know of as an evangelistic verse. It has prophecy in it too. How so. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him should not perish. Now the first part is past its historic. Now this is what's to be done in the present leads onto the future. He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him here and now should not perish not suffer perdition not suffer hell separation from God for all eternity should not perish but have everlasting life. You see the same verse that speaks of the love of God speaks of the wrath of God kiss the son lest he be angry and if he is angry and you go on that way without seeking his love and favor what happens you perish in the way. There's
perdition at the end of it. Well someone says you know I think you're right. These are these are things that I can understand. God is opening my mind and my consciousness.

I believe you are right. If I don't do what God tells me to do he's going to be angry and I will have everything to pay at the end. But I don't know. But what I ought to wait awhile and think it over some more and decide at a more leisurely moment. Oh no no no no. His wrath is going to soon be kindled. You don't have a lot of time. Time is a wasting as they say the hour of his wrath the hour of his judgment that hour draws on a pace. True today more true in a soon coming day with every passing day it becomes more and more close to the realization. Time and then somebody says Well suppose I do realize that I'm to receive the son so that I don't make god angry and that I don't perish in the way. And I do realize the urgency of the matter that it will not, it will not in any sense partake of delay. What will I get if I don't get anger and perdition. Ha. Here it is. Blessed. Not wrath not perdition not a lost eternity but blessing there's blessedness for all the ones all they that take refuge in him.

There is not wrath but blessedness for those who take refuge trusting in Christ as the fortress of their souls. Someone has beautifully put it this way ye sinners seek his grace whose wrath ye cannot bear. Fly to the shelter of his cross and find salvation there. Now there's just two sides. Either you are aligned you've sided with the rebellious ones of the earth as in the first part of this song or with those who your allegiance to the sun. You see this cosmos is going to be turned into chaos. What will you do with Christ and which side are you. Those in child evangelism have what I consider a good word and this is the way it goes. It says one door and only one. And yet the sides are two I'm on the inside. What side are you. What side are you. You have to decide. You said well I'll just stay put. I'll just not decide at all. That's a decision you remain in your sins. Every man must make his own decision he does in one way or another to
decide for the first category aligning with the rebellious ones that's destruction that's already said perishing in the way objects of his right to decide for the other to kiss the son. Blessed are all they that take refuge in him that's blessedness indeed.

Napoleon the Great once said that he had seen and oh how foolish utterly foolish this was. He said he had seen in his day that God was always on the side of the big battalions the big armies so fool that he was. He set out to conquer Russia and oh how Hitler should have read a page from the experience of Napoleon the Great Napoleon Bonaparte of France. So Napoleon set out to conquer Russia with probably the biggest battalions ever known in Europe only to leave the bones of four hundred thousand men bleached bleaching on the snowy steppes and to return a ruined Emperor with a lost empire. Don’t you ever believe it friend God is not on the side of the big battalions he is on the side of truth he's on the side of righteousness he's on the side of putting his son on his own throne on his Holy Hill of Zion.

He's on the side of bringing into everlasting glory those who trust that son and to see that that son is exalted and to see all that trust him rule with him and reign in the days that constitute his wonderful reign on Earth and then mind you as from First Corinthians 15 24 to 28 he will rule through all eternity and we shall be with him for ever and ever and ever hallelujah. May God grant that you will heed the invitation if you've never done it before. Do it now. If you have done it. Be sure you spread this word to others because the hour is all so late. Spread the word. In the meantime, herald the message. Bring back the king. God abundantly bless you. And your every loved one and all your friends for Jesus' sake Amen. [End]