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Text: Psalm 2

Title: The Goal Of Mission: A Church For Every People Group

Theme: God has exalted His only Son as King over all. And God has ordained that all of mankind worship the King. Because there is only one King, there is only one church comprised of people groups that are distinct yet not divisible.

Conclusion: Communion

Benediction: Rom 15:5-6

“Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. “Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.” The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.”

(Psalms 2:1–12 NIV)

- I. “To God be the Glory” The heartbeat of Missions: worship
  - a. “I have installed my King”
    - i. 4. The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.
    - ii. 6. I have installed my King on Zion, my Holy hill.
  - b. “My son is the King of ALL people”
    - i. 7. You are my Son, today I have become your Father.
    - ii. 8. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.
    - iii. 9. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.
  - c. “Rebellion and Allegiance”
    - i. Rebellion

1. 1. Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
  2. 2. The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One
  3. 3. "Let us break their chains" they say,, "and therow off their fetters."
  4. 5. Then he [The LORD] rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath
  5. 6. "I have installed my King"
  - ii. Alligiance (obedience to the King)
    1. 10. Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned you rulers of the earth 11. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.
    2. 12 Kiss the son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way for his wrath can flare up in a moment
    3. 12c. Blessed are all who take refuge in him
  - d. "The True God should be worshiped by all nations"
    - i. Nebuchadnezzar's Idol
    - ii. Vv. 2,7,29
- II. "His Plan all along"
- a. Pre-Abrahamic story
    - i. Fall, murder, Flood, Babel
  - b. Spoiler Alert!
    - i. Gen 12:3b "And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you"
    - ii. Gal 3:8 – 9 "The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the gGentiles by faith, and announced the pospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." 9. So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.
  - c. "It is not good enough"
    - i. Isaiah 49:6 "He says; "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light to the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of earth."
    - ii. Matt 12:18-21 "Here is my servant whom I have chosen the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations [...] 20. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory, in his name the nations will put their hope."
  - d. "The Great Inclusion"
    - i. Ezek. 47:21-23 "You are to destribute this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. 22. You are to allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the aliens who have

settled among you and who have children. You are to consider them as native-born Israelites; along with you they are to be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. 23. In whatever tribe the alien settles, there you are to give him his inheritance.” Declares the Sovereign LORD.

ii. Context and fulfillment

1. Ezek. 47:1-11
2. Rev 22:2 Down the middle of the great stream of tet of the city. On each side of the of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

III. Dealing with distinctives : Idolatry or Worship

a. Distinctions

- i. They look different
- ii. They sound different
- iii. They dress different
- iv. They relate differently
- v. They eat different food
- vi. They have different music
- vii. They relate differently
- viii. They have different perspectives and opinions
- ix. They have different values
- x. They have different preferences
- xi. AND THEY NEED TO BOW DOWN TO MY PREFERENCES

b. How did the children of Israel respond in both the OT and NT?

- i. “Us” v. “them”
- ii. Jew and gentile
- iii. Peoples = pagan

c. How did the early church respond?

- i. Acts 10
- ii. Acts 15
- iii. Rev 7:9-10 After that I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

IV. Applying the Word

a. How will you respond to the differences around you?

- i. Will you allow an idol to stand and demand that the nations worship at your feet?
- ii. Will you tear down the idols and high places and stand in the company of the redeemed?
- iii. Will you view the world through a prism of “us” and “them”?

- iv. Or will you view the world through the prism of “the world”
- v. Will you separate yourself from fellow believers because of their background, culture, style, or politics?
- vi. Or, will you throw down every argument that sets itself up against the obedience of Christ?
- vii. Will you draw the dividing lines across our country and globe based on finite, superficial traits?
- viii. Or will you go on Mission for Jesus to all peoples?
  - 1. Counting the cost
    - a. Jesus stepped out of Heaven into time and was hung on a cross.
    - b. Matt 10:18-22 “On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. “ Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.”
    - c. Rom 8:32 “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”
    - d. Rom 15:7-9 “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written:”
    - e.

V. Communion

VI. Benediction Rom 15:5-6 “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”