



Empowering People to Change the World

Possessing God's Possessions

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The Lord's Prayer

Cosmic War graphic

The Excluded Middle

The western church has an *excluded middle* between the spiritual realm and the physical realm. We believe in the upper spiritual realm, but we don't believe that the upper realm really affects the lower physical realm...but the rest of the world does believe, and the Bible is very clear.

- Most of the world believes that there are two realms of reality: the three dimensional and the cosmic dimension.
- For most of the world, people believe that the upper dimension intercepts the lower dimension.
- Two-thirds of the world today believe in the intersection of the spiritual world/unseen world and the seen three-dimensional world. If there is sickness, they immediately think it's caused by demons from the cosmic realm.
- This was also true in the time of Jesus. Time after time Jesus meets someone with some kind of sickness and casts out a demon. No one questions it. They expect such power.
- But most of us in the west don't see the correlation.
- I will call it the *Western Excluded Middle*.

Western Excluded Middle

- But the Bible constantly speaks of this interaction between the upper level and lower level of reality.
- The gospel can go out with power if we will preach and teach God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- This is a real war with a real enemy...Satan, the world, and the flesh.
- This war you cannot choose to enlist in! You are already drafted!
- Jesus really understood this! He began his ministry in Spiritual Warfare!

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A Psalm 2 Counsel requires a Joel 2 Church.

- Satan wants to be worshipped—by calling, he was a worship intercessor in the heavenly dimension but pride welled up within him and he rebelled and was cast to the earth.
- But at his core is a desire to be worshipped by humans—those created in the image of God.

If Satan cannot get God to worship him, he will deceive the image bearers of God to worship him.

- His greatest deception is through the power he can give to those who will allow him to work through them.

Jesus even acknowledged Satan's power. Luke recounts the temptations of Satan over Jesus,

“The devil took him to a high place and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant. The devil said to him, ‘I will give you all the power and glory of these kingdoms. All of it has been given to me, and I give it to anyone I please. So if you will worship me, all this will be yours.’” (Luke 4:5-7)

Satan, Ruling over the Rebelled Divine Counsel (Demons) has been Given the Nations at Babel (Genesis 11:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:19-20; 32:8-9, Luke 4:5-7)

- Jesus never counters Satan's argument but rather rebukes him.
- Satan wants the kingdom, power, and glory!!
- Satan is obviously looking for leaders, men and women, in power who want his power and glory so that he can wield power and glory over nations—to deceive whole nations.
- Satan desires to blind the eyes of Prime Ministers, Kings, Presidents, and top influencers over nations.

- The Bible says it clearly, “The god of this world has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. As a result, they don’t see the light of the Good News about Christ’s glory. It is Christ who is God’s image.”¹
- Satan is called the “Ruler of this World,” “Prince of the Power of the Air,” “God of this World.”

The Objective of Satan is the Kingdom, Power, and Glory over a Nation.

I believe this is why Jesus told us to pray “Thy Kingdom, power, and glory forever”

What’s the answer to this?

A Psalm 2 Counsel to the Nations.

Turn to Psalm 2,

**“Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?”**

- Rage—a violent anger. Nations will rage against God and His kingdom, civilization, common reasoning, logic, and Christianity.

We see this at work through Adolf Hitler who slaughtered Jews at a rate unheard of in humankind. The new figures of 15 - 20 million murdered, more than doubles previous estimates, have astonished some Holocaust historians, comes after thirteen years of painstaking study at Washington's *Holocaust Memorial Museum*. That was over 70% of the Jews in Europe.

- The research covered some 42,400 camps and ghettos across Europe and included forced-labor camps and Nazi *care* centers where pregnant women were forced to have an abortion or had their child killed right after giving birth. It also included camps, prisons, and killing grounds used by Nazi puppet regimes in countries such as France and Romania.
- Today, we observe even in our county, the rage of Antifa and those of the Satanic Temple.

¹ *GOD'S WORD Translation*. 1995 (2 Co 4:4). Grand Rapids: Baker Publishing Group.

- **But it will be in vain!**

Verse 2

**“The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,”**

- Kings, Prime Ministers, and Presidents set themselves up over a nation.
- The rulers over a nation today are the Internet, Big Pharma, Big Gov.
- Setting policies that could do the following...

**“Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*,
‘Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us.’”**

- They want to break off the bonds of God through policies and constitutions that write out and legislate God out!
- It is interesting that nations in Africa are more and more adopting laws of Christian America, and America is enacting more and more pagan, almost tribal policies.
 - They want the Bible outlawed in America—it is the hate speech book! In Latin America, they are adopting more and more Christian Laws and many of these nations are flourishing.
 - They want to get rid of these old-fashioned Bible believing supposedly Spirit filled Christians.
- We will be marginalized, pushed out, and there is now a whipping boy for culture—the Spirit empowered Jesus disciple. Persecution will increase.
- In the last days, “Lawlessness will increase.”
- Those of depraved minds will use the Bible to their own means. They will rewrite the Bible, like the Queen James Bible. Interpreting the Bible through their sexuality rather than judging their sexuality through the Bible

Hitler did the same thing with the pastors in the German Lutheran Church in the 1930’s using Romans 13, “let every soul

be subject to the governing authorities...”

- This is the strategies of the Roaring Lion, to enable darkness to have more room, more laws to maneuver into the hearts of men in order to “kill, steal, and destroy.”

God’s response in the Heavens to the Roaring Lion

Verse 4-7

“He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The LORD shall hold them in derision.
Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:”
Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:
“Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion.” (*God is setting up His Kingdom on earth*)

⁷“I will declare the decree:
The Lord has said to Me,
‘You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You. (*Jesus has come—it’s a new day!*)

Verse 8

“Ask of Me, and I will give You
The nations *for* Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.”

- God is sovereignly working out His plan
- He is still on His throne ruling over the affairs of men
- So, how do we ask of the Lord? How do we take possession of a nation?

A Psalm 2 Counsel Requires a Joel 2 Church! A New Kind of Church that Possesses God’s Possession

- The Joel 2 response; the Joel 2 Church!

Joel 2:12

**“Now, therefore,’ says the LORD,
‘Turn to Me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.’”**

Possessing God’s Possession: 1) Turn to God with Your Whole Heart

- Anyone can turn to God! Anyone can do this!
- **Wholehearted!** We say this Worshipper Warrior Mantra: “Wholeheart—Live Free” Say it now if you mean it.
- God wants our whole heart because He has turned to us with His whole heart!
- A Partnership! Together in love, covenant together. I will use you to shift things in the heavenly realm.
- Turn with all your heart—with fasting, weeping, prayer, and repentance!
- Weeping and mourning. True grief over our compromise.
- We are contending for the souls of men; contending for the greatness of a nation; dignity of a nation!

We are a Nation of Christians, but not a *Christian Nation*

- We are no longer a Christian nation—we are a nation with Christians but not a Christian nation! God’s judgment is over us now! Our rebellion and laxity is catching up and God is turning us over to our depravity.

Verse 13

“So rend [means tear] your heart, and not your garments.”

- This is personal. This is deep stuff. Aggressively going after your passivity.

God is Always Looking for People who Will be Aggressive in Prayer and Action that He Might Bring a Kingdom of God Revolution.

- Doesn’t mean you won’t struggle with stuff.

- But it's a tearing apart! It will hurt to change.

“Return to the LORD your God,”

- It's weak people turning to God! I'm contending for you. Come to Me.

“For He *is* gracious and merciful,”

- He is so gracious, so loving, so kind. Grace! God of the universe wants to love you.
- You may have given up on yourself but Jesus hasn't given up on you.

**“Slow to anger, and of great kindness;
And He relents from doing harm.”**

- He doesn't want to embarrass you. He wants to love you with His kindness.
- My standards of purity haven't changed but I will do it with kindness

Verse 14

**“Who knows *if* He will turn and relent,
And leave a blessing behind Him—
A grain offering and a drink offering
For the LORD your God?”**

- Who knows what God will do? We have no idea what He might do.

God Longs to Pour Out His Blessing upon the Earth.

- We don't know the time frame.
- Will it be a level two, level five healing? We don't know. But trust Me.
- I can take a disaster and turn it into a revival!
- I want the nation to be filled with revival. Our region. Our city. What would you do Lord if we would come before you?

“Blow the trumpet in Zion,”

“Consecrate a fast,

Call a sacred assembly;”

Verse 16-17

**“Gather the people,
Sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders,
Let the priests, who minister to the Lord,
Weep between the porch and the altar;
Let them say, “Spare Your people, O Lord,
And do not give Your heritage to reproach,
That the nations should rule over them.
Why should they say among the peoples,
‘Where *is* their God?’ ”**

**“Bring it On 2024” starting on December 31, Worship and Prayer Night
6:30-8:30pm. Starting on January 1st, every Monday will be a Day of Fasting
and Prayer in 2024.**

- And then God will show up with verse 28,

Verse 28

**“And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions.”**

2 Chronicles 7:14, “if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Three Steps into a Kingdom of God Revolution:

- 1) Humility**
- 2) Prayer and Seeking God’s Face**
- 3) Repentance**