God's Undisturbed Throne

1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

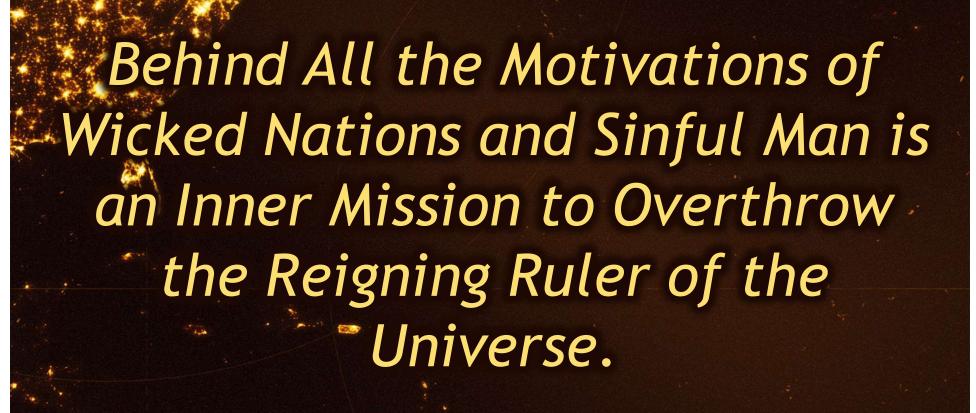
Four Voices Speak to Us through This Psalm.

THE VOICE OF TERRIBLE CONFLICT

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The Nations are Doing Two Things:

- 1. Raging = Frenzy. Commotion. Vehement Noirs. Tumultuous Thronging.
- 2. Plotting in Vain = Shaping something empty, futile, purposeless, idle, or wasted.



None is righteous, no, not one;

10 "None is righteous, no, not one;

11 no one understands;

12 All have turned aside; together they

13 have become worthless;

14 no one does good,

15 not even one."

Romans 3:10-12

THE VOICE OF UNFRIGHTENED POWER

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- 1. He Sits
- 2. He Laughs
- 3. He Speaks.

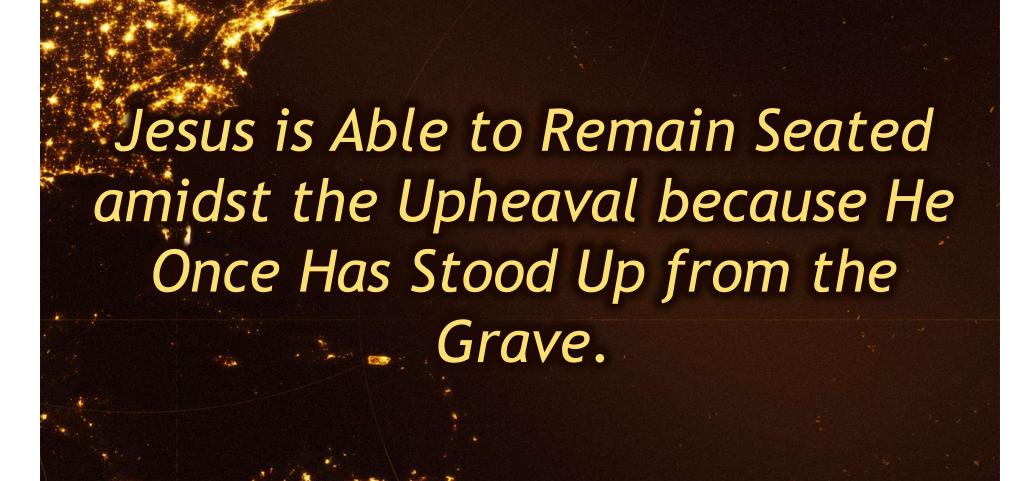
together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

Acts 4:27-28

Christians Can Have Calm Confidence in the Face of Fearful Circumstances because the God Who Saves & Reigns Presides over All Things Unaltered!

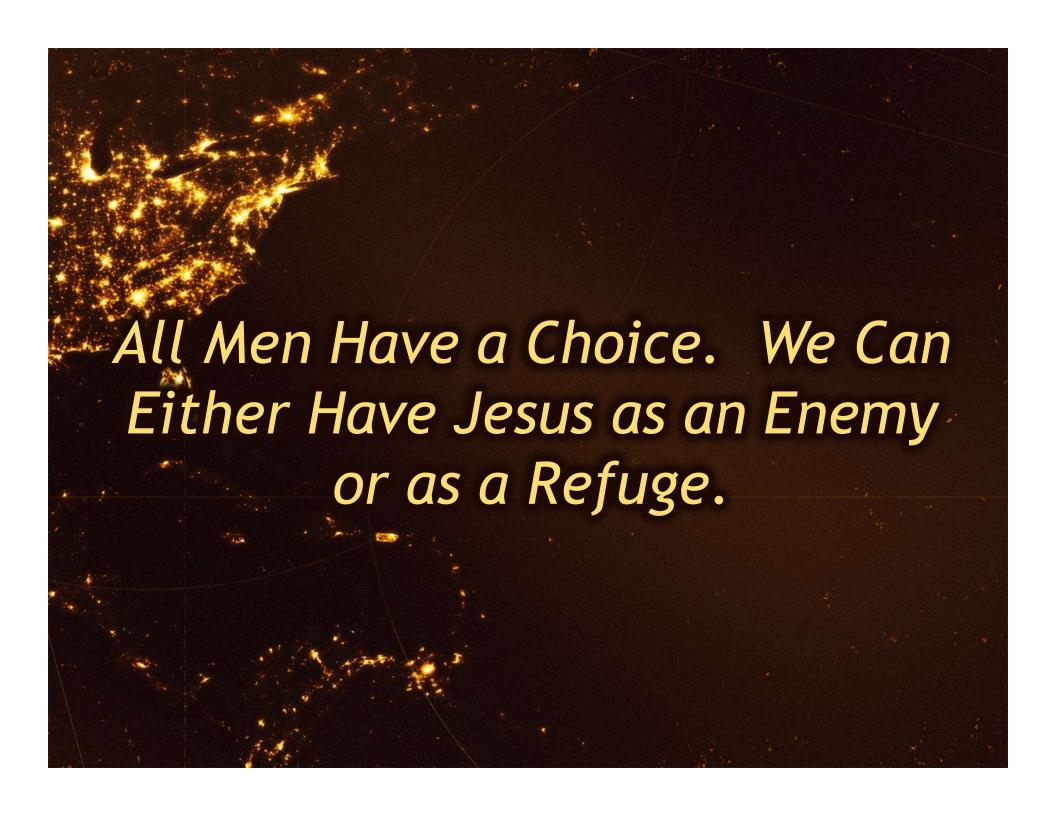
THE VOICE OF THE ESTABLISHED RULER

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THE VOICE OF GOD'S UNIVERSAL PROMISE

V.10-12 ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 3:16-19

We Either Know Jesus as the Redeemed or the Rebellious. The Delivered or the Defiant.

How Do You Know Him?

Does it Show?