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BIG REEDY CHRISTIAN CAMP—E-TOWN WEEK CHAMPIONS OF FAITH JUNE 4 – 9

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - MORE THAN CONQUERERS

CHAPEL THEME - TRAITS OF A FEW CHAMPIONS

MONDAY — ABEL - CHAMPION IN WORSHIP
TUESDAY — NOAH - CHAMPION IN OBEDIENCE
WEDNESDAY — DAVID - CHAMPION IN TRUST (GOLIATH)
THURSDAY — PAUL - CHAMPION SERVANT

BIBLE CLASSES - CHAMPION ROLE MODELS

MONDAY — MOSES - GROWING INTO A CHAMPION
TUESDAY — ELIJAH - CHAMPION CHALLENGE
WEDNESDAY — MARY - CHAMPION WOMAN AND MOTHER
THURSDAY — JESUS - OUR CHAMPION

EVENING WORSHIP - FUNDAMENTALS OF A CHAMPION

MONDAY — CHAMPIONS MUST OVERCOME - SIN
TUESDAY — CHAMPIONS MUST TRAIN - BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER
WEDNESDAY — CHAMPIONS CHASE LIONS
THURSDAY — CHAMPIONS WIN THE PRIZE

CAMPFIRE - CHAMPIONS FOR GOD

SUNDAY — TEAM OF CHAMPIONS - THE CHURCH
MONDAY — WORK OF CHAMPIONS - EVANGELISM
TUESDAY — FOCUS OF CHAMPIONS - THE CROSS
WEDNESDAY — POWER OF CHAMPIONS - THE RESURRECTION
THURSDAY — THE CHAMPION MINDSET - PRESS ON

Why Would Anyone Rebel Against God?

In Psalm 2 there is a picture of a king being crowned while the nations round about try to use the coronation as an opportunity to revolt. Ultimately though some might refer to this psalm as a royal psalm, it is a Messianic psalm. The picture portrayed here anticipates the anointing of Christ as king and the rebellion of those who would reject Him. We do not have to guess that such is the focus of the psalm; New Testament writers quote this psalm five times in reference to Christ.

Like Psalm 1 there is a contrast between wisdom and folly. In Psalm 1 the contrast is between the godly and ungodly man. In Psalm 2 the focus changes to more specific sub-categories—those who rage against God and those who place their trust in Him. It is amazing to me that anyone would choose to rebel against God and His anointed if they ever read this psalm for there is a hopelessness depicted for those who rage against and a blessedness for those who trust.

Imagine the folly of those who are not of God (*goyim* is the Hebrew term employed to suggest those who are not among God's people) attempting to rebel against Him. As wonderful as it is in Psalm 1 for a godly man to put in great effort to meditate upon the Law, it is even more so ridiculous and futile for those not of God to put in this great effort to plot against Him. It is so ridiculous given Who God is, that God is recorded as “laughing” at such rebellion. When His patience runs out God will call into account those who rebelled against Him (2:5).

In verses 7-9 the psalmist uses language familiar to those of the ancient Near East (in the Code of Hammurabi we see similar enthronement language) to picture the ultimate enthronement of Christ. In the ANE as here such language signifies God's acknowledgment of Christ as the legitimate Ruler of His people.

God recognizes Christ as the Ruler of His people—and here is the wonderful news—those who trust in Him will be blessed. Those who “rejoice with trembling” (i.e. those who praise Him in reverential awe) will worship the anointed King.

Although some may choose to seek rebellion and attempt to thwart the purpose of God, some will wisely choose to find joy in the privilege of serving Him. Those who would rebel are encouraged to change and seek the course of wisdom. If they choose not to change, their rebellion will only lead to their ruin. But, a blessing will be provided to all those who take refuge in God's Anointed.

My hope is that we all seek the path of refuge in God. To rebel against an Almighty is truly foolish. May God help us to always humbly submit to Him.

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