

God is Angry with You But...
Ancient Judgments: A Warning from God
Psalm 2
Judgment of Cities, Nations and Kings
March 10, 2013
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Children's Sermon

Key Idea

*May God open our eyes to the obvious truth that we cherish our rebellion and as a result that God's righteous judgment is looming before us, **so that** we will better see the beauty of God's salvation in Jesus Christ and submit to His rule and trust in his deliverance.*

- A. Have you ever pretended not to hear your parents? Why?
- B. Everyone is Like that with God

Romans 1:18

For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress the truth**.

II. **Just Who is Commanded to Hear God's Voice?**

- A. "I don't want to share what the Bible says because my unbelieving friend doesn't believe it is God's word."
- B. God's Speaks to All the Nations

Psalm 2:1-12

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."

⁴ 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.”

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.

III. Ancient Judgments: A Warning from God

A. Cities: Sodom & Gomorrah

2 Peter 2:5–6

⁵ if he *did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah*, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ⁶ if by *turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes* he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly...

B. Nations: Egypt

Exodus 5:2

² But Pharaoh said, “**Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice** and let Israel go? ...”

Exodus 9:15–16

¹⁵ For by now *I could have* put out my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth. ¹⁶ *But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power*, so that **my name** may be proclaimed in all the earth.

C. Kings: Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 4:28–32

²⁸ All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹ At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ and the king answered and said, ***“Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?”*** ³¹ While the words were still in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, “O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, ³² and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, ***until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.***”

Daniel 4:34–35

³⁴ At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, ***for his dominion is an everlasting dominion***, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; ³⁵ all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

IV. Why Has God Taken the Time to Warn Us?

A. He is Giving Us Time to Turn Back!

John 3:34–36

³⁴ For ***he whom God has sent utters the words of God***, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶ ***Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.***

B. Rescue or Wrath?

2 Peter 2:7–10

[Noah] ...⁷ **and** if he [God] rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked ...⁹ **then** the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,¹⁰ and especially those who indulge in **the lust of defiling passion** and **despise authority**. (The reason we doubt)

Key Idea

May God open our eyes so that we turn from our rebellion, submitting to Jesus as king, trusting in his salvation and as a result that God's righteous judgment for us will be "not guilty" in Christ; and that his holy wrath to be poured out upon the wicked will not fall upon us.