

God Laughs

8-13-23

Psalm 2:1-4 (NIV) **NO/OH**

¹Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

³Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles.

⁴The One enthroned in heaven **LAUGHS**;
the Lord scoffs at them.

Are you disturbed by world affairs. Don't be. No one is getting away with anything. The world is acting so foolish that God laughs at them. This is not a humorous laugh, but a dismissive laugh like thinking "you have to be kidding me". The Creator of heaven and earth sees the nations conspire and plot out their human solutions. God sees the rulers band together against HIS Anointed, Jesus. They throw off anything that restricts their fleshly desires. God sees all this foolishness and HE is almost in disbelief thinking, "you have to be kidding me". We are secure because we know that God is fully aware of the world situation and our situation. Therefore, we depend on God to guide and protect us based on truth.

Psalm 59:8-9 (NIV)

⁸But you **LAUGH** at them, LORD;
you scoff at all those nations.

⁹You are my strength, I watch for you;
you, God, are my fortress,

¹⁰my God on whom I can rely.

The world's anti-Christian attitude is evidence that God is about to move. Therefore, we find strength in the LORD. **From HIS perspective this evil is ridiculous; it is self-destructive.** God HIMSELF will deal with this oppression and HIS truth will be vindicated. We stand on God's truth and are amazed at the world's insanity. We fearlessly are alert watching for God's intervention something which no one could ever imagined.

Habakkuk 1:5 (NIV)

Look at the nations and watch—
and be utterly amazed.

For I am going to do something in your days
that you would not believe,
even if you were told.

At this same time God as God is punishing the nations, HE encourages HIS people not to worry and to trust God alone.

Habakkuk 2:4 (ESV)

The righteous shall live by his faith.

This statement of faith is quoted three times in the New Testament; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; and Hebrews 10:38. It is quoted in the NT to emphasize that people are saved by grace through faith and that Christians should live by faith.

The kind of faith that Habakkuk describes, and that the NT authors promote, is the “continuing trust” in God which clings to God's promises, even in the darkest days. We believe that God's promises are true and that HE will bring them to pass. **It takes faith to wait patiently for God's plan to unfold.** We are confident because we know God will have the last Word!

Zephaniah 1:2 (ESV)

“I will utterly sweep away everything from the face of the earth,” declares the LORD.

God is serious about HIS WORD. This goes back the message a couple of weeks ago entitled “Trimble” meaning Trimble at God’s WORD. **A little trembling at the truth will impact our decision making!**

2 Peter 3:11 (NIV)

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.

Peter is using the certainty of Jesus’ second coming, not to terrify believers, but to spur us to righteous living. God “dismissively laughs” at man’s so-called truth because all this earth will pass away. At the same time, God will make all things new and we will reign with Christ for all eternity.

Be Encouraged! Rejoice!

Revelation 21:1 (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Our message, God’s truth to the world.

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.