

YOU ARE NOT THE BOSS OF ME

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Psalm 2:1-12

1. The title for this message comes from an incident that occurred while our family was celebrating my parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary in the Community Center in Bonita Springs, FL.
 - a. One of our nephews was entertaining himself by dropping grapes on the floor and stomping on them.
 - b. Sandra told him to stop it, and he looked her in the eye and declared, "You are not the boss of me!"
 - c. Sandra got down in his face and convinced him she was.
2. As I look at the world, our culture, and the church it seems to me that most of our problems have to do with rebellion: a refusal to live under divine authority.
3. Most of us are familiar with the following proverb. Prov 29:18
18 Where there is no vision (revelation of God), the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law.
4. A wrong view of God and a refusal to submit to divine authority go hand in hand.
5. Without actually saying the words the attitude of most people towards God is, "You are not the boss of me!"
6. Those who die with that attitude of heart still in place will spend eternity in Hell.
7. **No society, family or church can function as God intended it to if authority is not properly established and exercised.**
8. The modern American family is a good example.
9. Where mom and dad have established authority over their children there is peace and harmony; where they have not there is chaos.
- 10 We are going to look at four passages of Scripture that clearly reveal that God has made His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Boss.

I. A problem stated. Psalm 2:1--12.

- A. Babylonianism is the organized rebellion of men against God's authority.
- B. Individually we are all guilty of rebellion. Isaiah 53:6
"All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way."
- C. In response to man's rebellion God has installed His King on His Holy mountain, He has given Him the nations and the earth as His possession, and He will eventually put down all rebellion and deal with all rebels.
- D. Notice God's admonition to those who are in rebellion against Him.
 1. Show discernment and take warning.
 2. Worship the Lord with reverence.
 3. Do homage to the Son so that He not become angry, and you perish in the way.
 4. Don't delay because His wrath may soon be kindled.
 5. Take refuge in Him.

II. A promise given. Isaiah 9:6-7

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

A. Verse six gives us a description of God's King.

B. Notice that the government will rest upon His shoulders.

C. "There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace."

1. Jesus became our Savior in order to establish His Lordship over our lives.

2. Every time a person repents towards God and puts his faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord God's kingdom, government, or rule is increased.

3. No person will ever really know peace until the issue of Lordship is finally and forever settled.

D. Jesus will eventually rule and reign upon the earth because God has determined that He will and "the zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this."

III. A prayer prayed. Matthew 6:7-10

"And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. 9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 'Give us this day our daily bread. 12 'and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 'and do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'"

A. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray He told them to address their prayer to God the Father.

B. They were to pray, "Your kingdom come (government, rule), Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

C. When we pray this prayer we are asking God to establish the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in our lives and in the lives of those who inhabit this planet.

D. No person can be right with God as long as rebellion against the rule of His Son remains an issue.

IV. A position taken.

A. Peter clearly stated that even Christ's enemies would eventually bow before Him. Acts 2:33-36

33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. 34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:

'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, 35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'" (Ps 110:1)

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ — this Jesus whom you crucified."

B. Note Paul's words in Phil 2:7-11.

8 Being found in appearance as a man, He (Jesus) humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

C. God spoke these words through Isaiah the prophet. Isa 45:22-25

22 "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. 23 "I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness and will not turn back, that to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance. 24 "They will say of Me, 'Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength.' Men will come to Him, and all who were angry at Him will be put to shame. 25 "In the LORD all the offspring of Israel will be justified and will glory."

APPLICATION

1. There are misguided individuals who teach that we can be saved by trusting Jesus as Savior while rejecting Him as Lord.

2. The modern church has embraced all sorts of error in its attempt to include everyone who has ever prayed the Sinner's Prayer in God's family.

3. Paul stated, "That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Rom 10:8-13

But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" — that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; 13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

4. Until we have bowed our knee and sworn allegiance to our Lord we are on thin ice spiritually.

5. It is my conviction that every lost person will be cast into the Lake of Fire with the words, "Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord," on their lips. Ps 22:28-29

For the kingdom is the Lord's and He rules over the nations. 29 All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, All those who go down to the dust will bow before Him, even he who cannot keep his soul alive.

6. They will also enter Hell with the full knowledge that their rebellion and refusal to embrace Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord was their undoing.

7. Has the clearly stated will, plan and purpose of God become a reality in your life?

8. Have you bowed your knee and confessed Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God?

9. Now is the time to settle the matter.

10. Can you honestly say, "Jesus Christ is the boss of me?"