Psalms 2 "ASK OF ME"

Day 4 - Evening prayer prompt ~ Unshakeable Kingdom ~

"Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!' \sim Ps. 2:1-3

Lord, Your enemies truly devise a useless, vain thing no matter how they scheme against You or Your people! What schemes are frightening me right now?

God, truly even in my flesh (sinful nature) I find the horror of this same uprising against You. In what ways have I been fearing Your lordship, forgetting the promises of Rom. 8:32 (that You will never withhold any good thing from me)?

"The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation." \sim Ps. 33:10-11

"Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so." \sim Rom. 8:7

"For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another..." \sim Rom. 5:17

"In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death." \sim Prov. 12:28

Lord, as going to sleep I'm choosing to trust in your unshakable kingdom! (Ask, Cry, Trust, Sing)

Day 5 - Morning prayer prompt ~ Heaven Rules ~

"He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, 'But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain.' \sim Ps. 2:4-6

God, in these perilous times it is easy to forget that You are the King of kings, in perfect control, and orchestrating all things for our good and Your glory. You laugh, God, at the things that alarm me most! You are installed as King over ______ [my current area(s) of worry].

"Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales...all the nations are as nothing before Him, they are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless...He it is who reduces rulers to nothing, who makes the judges of the earth meaningless. Scarcely have they been planted, scarcely have they been sown, scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, but He merely blows on them, and they wither, and the storm carries them away like stubble." ~ Is. 40:15,17,23-24

"It is Heaven that rules." ~ Dan. 4:26

"But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases." \sim Ps. 115:3

"Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father." ~ Matt. 10:29

"The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all." \sim Ps. 103:19

Lord, thank you this for the power of your Word to transform the worries of this world into a confident heart that knows without a doubt that heaven rules!

(Ask, Cry, Trust, Sing)

Day 5 - Afternoon prayer prompt

~ ASK OF ME ~

"I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware,' \sim Ps. 2:7-9

My Father, truly, as surely as You have promised this to Your worthy Son, You have promised this to me because of His worthiness! Who are some people You are putting in my heart to pray for their salvation/that they would become Your inheritance from the inside out (friends/family, co-workers, neighbors, a specific people group)? What is a specific first step You want me to take now toward sharing the Gospel with him/her/them (paying a visit, inviting to dinner, inviting to church, giving a card of encouragement with Scripture, offering to pray with him/her/them, spending devoted time in intercession, etc)?

In Revelation 2, Psalm 2:8,9 is quoted as a promise to those who overcome (believers) to rule and reign with Christ someday!

"He who overcomes, and he who keeps my deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from my Father." \sim Rev. 2:26-27 "He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my Father on His throne." \sim Rev. 3:2

As Jesus said that apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5), we must be in prayer and reliant on the Spirit in being a part of reaching others with the Gospel. Often, the Holy Spirit may lead us to one small, seemingly-insignificant next step which God will use to open further doors to sharing the Gospel. "But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, 'Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.' So he got up and went... Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go up and join this chariot.' Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' And he said, 'Well, how could unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him." (Acts 8:26-31) Love with Jesus those who are in your path this afternoon!

(Ask, Cry, Trust, Sing)

Day 5 - Evening prayer prompt ~ TAKE REFUGE! ~

Now, therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the Lord with reverence and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son, that He not becomes angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath my soon be rekindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!" ~ Ps. 2:10-12

How blessed, God, are we who take refuge in You! How blessed are those who, though formerly Your enemies, are brought by Your grace into the freeing submission of bowing the knee to You! What areas of my life are lacking worship of You? You have said to "Rejoice with trembling". How has my misunderstanding of the joy of surrender to the God who is love prevented my worship?

As the old hymn Amazing Grace says it so well, "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fear relieved." Truly this is the grace that God lavishes in converting His enemies into His sons and daughters!

- ~ "For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son." (Col. 1:13)
- ~ "In Your Presence is fulness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forever." (Ps. 16:11)

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