

## Trust In God

Depending who is in power, and what our political persuasions are, we can either feel totally at ease or worry like crazy and fret. Where is God in all this? Is He concerned? Not in the least. He is in charge! He is orchestrating events. And He is a prayer-hearing God who has the power to affect world events. In other words, He is sovereign.

Placing our trust in God puts the burden off of our shoulders and onto Him, where it belongs. And we are able to rest in a powerful God who sovereignly works out His plan and purpose.

## You Are Good

*The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'* Acts 17:24-28

## Our Great God

What does God think concerning rulers on this earthly realm? What advice does He give them? What kind of posture might earthly kings take that will please Almighty God? Psalm 2 gives us God's perspective.

*Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."*

*The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends*

*of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."*

*Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

## **PSALM 2**

# **Shout To The North**

Remember Nebuchadnezzar? He was warned in a dream, and given a year by God to humble himself, or God would do it for him. He paid no attention. One morning he walked out on the veranda, gazed at the glory of that city, and patted himself on the back. Here is the account of what happened in Daniel.

*Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like cattle. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.*

*At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"*

*At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.*

*Daniel 4:33-37*

## **PRAYER**

Your power is awesome, Father. There is nothing you can't do. No ruler - no matter how despicable or dictatorial - can hide from your gaze. All earthly powers must ultimately answer to you. And as we anticipate a new leader for America, and get involved in the selection process, we ask you to guide our steps as a nation, Father. "In God we trust" has become a

meaningless slogan. By your power would you make that phrase a reality? And regardless of the election outcome, help us to trust that you are in control, and that you know what you are doing. Cure our cynicism. Replace it with a healthy hope. We ask you to hear our prayers and heal our land. Revive faith in you. Chase away the darkness, and in its place shine on us the righteousness of heaven. In Jesus name we ask these things. Amen.

## **Hallowed Be Your Name**

### **Offering The Hope We Have**

### **Sermon**