

## ***The Lord's Day 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022***

***Scripture Readings: Psalm 75, 1 Chronicles 6:39, 15:17, 25:1, Romans 1, 1 John 2, Hebrews 1:1-3, John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:18.***

***Sermon:***

### ***A STUDY OF PSALM 75 – THE TRUE WORSHIP OF THE TRUE GOD***

***FIRSTLY, THE PSALM*** – *This Psalm is one of 150 recorded in the Book of Psalms in Scripture. A Psalm is a song of praise to the one true God. It begins with these words:*

#### **PSALM 75**

**To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.**

*The word 'psalm' literally means "a sacred song sung to musical accompaniment" (Vine's Expository Dictionary) – and Strong's Concordance concurs with this meaning. Hence, we see it is addressed to "The chief Musician".*

*There are some Christians who don't allow any musical accompaniment to their singing of Psalms, but the Scriptures don't seem to support this tradition, and this is evident even in the word 'psalm' itself, let alone the fact that the Psalms were originally sung with psalteries and harps and cymbals, and David was famous for playing the harp.*

***SECONDLY, THE AUTHOR: ASAPH*** – *Asaph was a Levite, the son of Berachiah, of the family of Gershon (1 Chronicles 6:39). David ordered the Levites to appoint singers and musicians for the worship – they appointed Heman, Asaph, and Ethan (1 Chronicles 15:17). When the ark of God was brought into the Tabernacle, and worship was conducted there, Asaph was appointed by David as chief of the singers and musicians (1 Chronicles 16:5). Following this, "the sons of Asaph" are mentioned as those "who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals" (1 Chronicles 25:1). So, in the kingdom of Israel under David, they had the equivalent of what we call guitars and drums ("timbrels" are also mentioned in other places), as part and parcel of the ordered worship of God, under specially appointed and dedicated men of God. Although I think it's safe to say they didn't have any 'head-banging' music there.*

### ***THIRDLY, NOTE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & PRAISE & THANKS TO ALMIGHTY GOD:***

***WE GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE IS THE GIVER OF EVERY GIFT:***

***UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.***

*The apostle Paul explained in Romans 1, that all mankind is without excuse for rejecting the Almighty God, who is Creator of heaven and earth, because even the blindest of the blind can see God's glory in all creation all around them, yet they choose to reject Him and make idols of their own – and this, we have all done ourselves, proving that we are sinners, as the Scriptures also state very clearly: Romans 1,*

***18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;***

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

20 For **the invisible things of him** from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; **so that they are without excuse:**

21 Because that, when they knew God, **they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful;** but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

*Therefore, the Church of God must be distinctly different from the unbelievers of this world, who glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, and therefore, the first thing we do is to give glory to God for all that He is, and all that He has done, and is doing every day, in providing for us.*

**WE GIVE THANKS BECAUSE ALMIGHTY GOD IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS:**

*The uniqueness of the Hebrews and the Israelites in the earth, (in their day), was that they knew the only true God, Who created all things. Other gods of the heathen, were made of wood and stone, and were merely pathetic replicas of Almighty God, Who cannot be depicted by any man-made thing.*

**THE HEBREWS HAD THE SCRIPTURES FROM THE BEGINNING,** which say, In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth! (**Genesis 1:1**).

**THE HEATHEN HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OF SUCH A CONCEPT.** *Many do have stories handed down the generations, which vaguely resemble the true story of creation in some ways, but they are not written, and the details are simply wrong – in short, they are the Devil’s lies and deceptions, so that the Heathen worship the Devil (or devils), thinking they are God (or gods). What is very striking today, is that, in the major religious establishments of the Western World (I’m speaking of Roman Catholicism and Freemasonry), they worship the Devil, either directly or indirectly, by false words or graven images, exactly as the Heathen have done almost since time began. So, we see that religion has not improved with the years.*

**ONLY TRUE CHRISTIANS UNDERSTAND:** *Since the day Christ came into this world, and since the day he rose from the dead, and was worshipped that morning of the first day of the week, by those who believed in Him, it is only Christians, not Jews or Gentiles, not Catholics or Freemasons or Pagans, who understand the sacred writings that this Almighty God has given to His people – only Bible-believing Christians. Heathen ideas of gods, or a god, or a ‘supreme being’ (like Moslems today, or Freemasons, and all others), don’t even come close to the eternal Truth, as expressed by John at the beginning of his Gospel: **John 1:1-5,***

- IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
2 The same was in the beginning with God.  
3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.  
4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.  
5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

**THE “DARKNESS” OF THIS WORLD DOES NOT COMPREHEND CHRIST, WHO IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!** *The world, and all the people in it, who do not know Christ, are darkness itself, And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. Sadly, part of the condition of natural man, as a sinner, separated from his Maker, is that he presumes to know many things, because he is motivated by pride and self-importance – which itself, is sin and darkness. So, he has no comprehension of the most basic truth of God and creation, yet he thinks he knows it all, and he thinks he has the capacity to judge other men, and even to judge his Maker! Therefore, for example, he marches in the streets for ‘rights’ – the right to kill his own children, the right to overthrow the natural created order of male and female, the right to save animals and plants and destroy human beings. He is totally depraved, in total darkness, yet he thinks he is light itself.*

*And so, the light of Christ, and all His creation and providences, has always shone throughout the whole earth, but the darkness comprehended it not.*

**HISTORIANS SPEAK OF THE SO-CALLED ‘DARK AGES’, ROUGHLY 500-1,000 A.D.,** *a period of barbarity and ignorance, between the fall of the Roman Empire and the so-called Renaissance, a time of learning and arts. But the historians today don’t view these things with a spiritual eye, and therefore, they won’t tell you what that darkness of the Dark Ages really was – it was really an absence of the eternal Light of the Word of God, certainly an absence of the general influence of the Word of God and of Christianity throughout the world. During those Dark Ages, men like Alfred the Great, the Christian king of England, stand out as stars in a dark night sky, but the period in general, was very dark.*

**BUT WE ARE NOW IN A NEW DARK AGE!** *It is more treacherous than the old Dark Ages, because the people darkened by it, think they have more light than any generation before them. You see, in the Dark Ages a thousand years ago, people literally could not read and write, and had no Bible to read if they could! But today, there is such an explosion of information and technology, that, although the world is awash with Bibles, even if you didn’t have one, you could get a digital one free of charge, online! So, now, we have a self-inflicted Dark Age, and age of wilful ignorance, as never before in the history of the world! Never was there ever a generation of human beings, who are described so exactly by Romans Chapter 1 – a generation of such depravity, such blindness, such utter darkness, that they think they have light. This is what is called depravity and reprobation. Will the Lord be merciful and intervene, and save this generation? Let us never cease to hope and pray that He does so, but I think the Scriptures indicate that this is the very generation which God is preparing for judgment, on a world-wide scale. If it took men like the Christian King Alfred, in a day of*

*Paganism, to shine a light, and a few centuries later, like John Wycliffe (the ‘Morning Star of the Reformation), to bring the Word of God to England, for the first time since the First & Second Centuries, what will it take today, to light up such world-wide darkness that everybody, including the Churches, thinks is light? But then, how brightly do those little stars shine, here and there, as, in spite of the darkness, they shine as living epistles of Christ! What a wonderful privilege it is to be, by the grace of God, placed in fellowship with those who believe His Words!*

**WE GIVE THANKS BECAUSE ALMIGHTY GOD’S WORKS (HIS PROVIDENCE) ARE PROOF OF HIMSELF:** UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare. *We’ve already noted that Christ created all things, but the Scriptures also tell us He upholds all things. And this is evident in the creation itself – we will come shortly to the plain statements of Scripture which tell us this truth, but for a moment, let us observe, as did Asaph and David, the providence of God, even through historically dark times, as clear proof of this as well!*

**FOURTHLY, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF ALMIGHTY GOD IS CENTRAL & PRE-EMINENT IN ALL THINGS, IN BOTH THE KINGDOM OF GOD & THE KINGDOMS OF MEN:**

*This is seen in a most mindboggling way, in that the very kingdom of the Antichrist (the world leader who presumes to rule all nations and even usurp the place of Christ, claiming the title, “Holy father”, among many other blasphemies, even claiming that he is Head of the Church), even he, in all his utter darkness, presides over a Pagan empire, whose religious expression majors on festivals which are said to celebrate Christ’s birth, death, and resurrection. While we must never accept the error that these Pagan festivals are, let us rejoice that, in some measure, Christ is preached, every year, in every nation, even by the Antichrist himself! Yes, Christ really does have the pre-eminence “in all things” (Colossians 1:18), and the world comprehends it not!*

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*We began by observing that the Psalmist Asaph, speaks on behalf of David, king of Israel, and also prophesies of the greater ‘David’, who is Christ, and that Christ must have the pre-eminence in all things. The Psalm is all about giving glory to Almighty God as Creator of all things. Let us now continue on the fourth observation, about Christ’s pre-eminence:*

**DAVID, AS KING OF ISRAEL, WAS A MIGHTY TYPE OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF KINGS:**

2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

**ISRAEL, BY GOD’S DESIGN, WAS A KINGDOM, NOT A REPUBLIC.** *It didn’t begin with so-called ‘people-power’ or some obscure idea of the people being ‘sovereign’. Much of today’s so-called ‘freedom-fighting’ is ungodly and humanistic, because it rejects any*

*form of authority. Likewise the New Testament Church is God's family and kingdom, it is not a republic or democracy.*

**DAVID WAS SOVEREIGN – HE WAS KING, AND AS KING, HE WAS A TYPE OF THE ETERNAL KING.** *Judgement was committed to him, as he represented God, the Eternal Judge, in the congregation of his people:*

**V2, When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.**

**HE WAS NOT LIKE THE POPE, WHO FALSELY CLAIMS TO BE “GOD ON EARTH” AND RULER OF ALL NATIONS.** *David was God's chosen earthly vessel.*

*The difference, to some, might seem hardly worth a mention, but they are chalk and cheese. God has ordained, that men should represent Christ, but not that any man should usurp Christ's place. The usurper of Christ's place and role is called in Scripture, the “antichrist” (1 John 2). The Pope is therefore the Antichrist, because he serves the Devil and his earthly kingdom, but David, when he was king, was a true type of Christ, and a true servant of Christ.*

*Some will never understand the difference – that is why the world follows Popery, it doesn't have the mind of Christ.*

**THERE IS MUCH IGNORANCE AND MISUNDERSTANDING, EVEN MISINFORMATION, ABOUT THE IDEA OF KINGS AND QUEENS IN THIS WORLD.** *You will notice that much criticism is directed against England and its monarchy and Empire, but this is only because the Pope and his antichristian kingdom hate anything that stands for Christ alone and for Scripture alone, and although it's in an awful backslidden state, England's monarchy is established squarely on Christ, and it is the greatest enemy of Popery among the nations of the world, and always has been. (There are other great world powers, which present some obstacle to Popery's full control, e.g. Russia, with its Orthodox Church, and its expulsion of the Jesuits and Central Bankers, draws particular hatred from Rome; and the U.S.A. under the leadership of Donald Trump was also a great threat to the Popery's monopoly over the whole world; but none has been like Great Britain for its clear Protestant stand – England, or Great Britain, for many centuries, has stood alone in the world as an example of a Protestant Monarchy and a Protestant nation). **The kings and queens of England (or Great Britain), unlike any other nation, stand for Christ, and all the paraphernalia and oaths and organisation of their realm give all the glory and pre-eminence to Christ.** Hence, in an increasingly antichristian world, practically all news, all entertainment, all politics, take every opportunity to snipe at England, its monarchy, its history, its empire, its royal family, it's 'archaic' King James Bible – you name it! Well, what else are the Antichrist and his followers going to do, but oppose Christ? It is simply their nature to do so.*

*Learn how to recognise these things for what they are. Don't be caught up in the clamour of the crowd that cries, “Crucify! Crucify!”, because of some trumped-up charge against somebody, or some petty reason they might give to justify their hatred and violence against God-given order. If nothing else, recognise the undeniable Hand*

*of God in the preservation of the King James Bible (which has been the English 'Authorised' Version for over 400 years! Note that the English King, James I, and the parliament, as well as the English Church, 'authorised' this Bible! By contrast, you will find, if you do the research, that all other so-called 'modern versions' have been authorised by Popery – this contrast is unique in world history!).*

*Since the days of Cain and Abel, the world has been divided into two camps – those who are with Christ, and those who oppose Him (they are called 'antichrists'). Even today, both the Churches and nations are divided into two camps – followers of Christ, and followers of the Antichrist. As nothing in this world is pure, both nations and Churches are a mixture, none are perfect. But they still generally fall into those two categories – with Christ, and against Him. The Queen of England is Protestant (on paper), but a follower of Popery in practice; Australia as a nation, is Protestant on paper, but Popish and Pagan in practice. Most Churches are the same – they are with Christ on paper, but against Him in practice. **Christians must be for Christ in everything, and against all else, including their own nation if it opposes Christ, but only in spiritual warfare, not physical!** God uses systems of order in this world, but He is not in those systems, He is only in His Church – nor does He allow us to step in, and play 'God', by waging war against evil. Defence is allowed, but apart from defence (of ourselves or others), warfare is forbidden as murder – "Thou shalt not kill!" It is not for us to decide who should die, and what nations need to be attacked, and what leaders of nations need to be 'toppled' (as the U.S.A. Deep State likes to put it).*

*There is a great example in English history, of a Protestant regime, under Oliver Cromwell, which came to the defence of Christians in Europe, and was feared all over Europe, even by the Pope's armies, but Cromwell bears no resemblance at all to modern nations and warfare! Cromwell was such a man, who supplied his troops with the Geneva Bible, and had men flogged for indecent language! We could do with a Cromwell commanding today's depraved armies, which are filled with blasphemers, drunkards, and perverts.*

**BUT, HAVING SAID ALL THAT, MONARCHY IS OF GOD, WHEREAS REPUBLICANISM, DEMOCRACY, AND SOCIALISM/COMMUNISM/FASCISM ARE NOT OF GOD.** This is practically illustrated in God's providence, by the fact that, even Oliver Cromwell's regime was later replaced by Monarchy again.

**WE SEE IN THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL, PARTICULARLY UNDER DAVID AND SOLOMON HIS SON, A GOD-ORDAINED SYSTEM OF MONARCHY, WITH CHECKS AND BALANCES BUILT INTO IT WITH THE ELDERS, PRIESTS, PROPHETS, AND SO ON, JUST AS WE HAVE IN THE ENGLISH SYSTEM.** There is a good reason for this: Protestant England (which means, 'Bible-believing England) has been modelled after the kingdom of Israel!

**LET US REMEMBER THAT THE QUALITY OF FUNCTION OF ANY MONARCHY DEPENDS ON THE QUALITY OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED – AND IN THE CASE OF ENGLAND, IT IS THE PEOPLE, NOT THE SYSTEM, WHICH ARE AT FAULT.**

*A Federal election is coming up in just a few weeks – let us be prepared, and realize that, the Republican camp will do all in their power to lie and deceive the people into voting for rebels and traitors, and ultimately, for a republic to replace the Constitutional Monarchy!*

***INVARIABLY TODAY, ANY DISCUSSION ON THE SYSTEMS OF POLITICS, WILL PROMOTE ‘DEMOCRACY’ AS ALMOST A GOD – the ‘rule of the people, by the people, and for the people’, and they will tell you, that this idea came from ancient Greece – so they try hard to promote a Pagan, rather than Christian philosophy of government. They are also deceptive, in that they only use the ‘Democracy’ doctrine as a bait, to get votes – the hook hidden in the bait of Democracy is Communism, infiltrated into the supposedly ‘democratic’ system, so that eventually (and we are there already), every ‘democratically elected’ representative of the people is NOT a representative of the people at all, but an undercover Communist, implementing Communism, not Democracy!***

*This is why, when we write to our local member, or our (supposedly) Christian Prime Minister, and plead with them to implement honest, Christian values, we just get fobbed off with a standard letter which gives some fictitious reason why it can’t be done. Politically-speaking, it is actually far too late for Australia to wake up and fix the problem. God is our only hope! But then, hasn’t He always been our only hope? Isn’t that what our founding fathers said when they framed the Constitution? Oh, but we didn’t think the Constitution was important, did we? In fact, we didn’t even know it was Christian and Protestant! Well, bad luck about that, because now there isn’t an honest leader in the parliaments or courts, that you can appeal to for justice, because they are all liars and Marxists, working for the Pope to subdue and cripple all nations. “By their fruits ye shall know them”! Do they put their right hand forward to do the works of the Pope? Do they think like the Pope? Then they have his mark “in their right hand or in their forehead”! And do you trust them, their governments reps, and their media, to tell you the truth?*

***BUT NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, WILL YOU SEE MONARCHY PROMOTED, AT LEAST NOT THE BRITISH MONARCHY, BECAUSE IT JUST HAPPENS TO BE THE BULWARK OF BIBLE-BASED CHRISTIAN ORDER IN THIS WORLD (notwithstanding its failings because of the sinful people involved in it)!***

***People will fail you, but God’s Word will never fail. His Truth is unchanging. No system guarantees goodness or godliness in this world. There are nations, ruled as Republics (e.g. USA), or Socialist Republics (e.g. USSR), or Democracies (so-called, like Australia – which is a lie, by the way: we are a Constitutional Monarchy, not a ‘Democracy’!), and all of these, except our Constitutional Monarchy, are antichristian, and come under the banner of the Roman Antichrist, through the European Union, the United Nations, or NATO, or trade agreements, or international banks, or some other link – even the Queen of England has acknowledged the Pope’s rule. So, no system is God Almighty, not even the systems put in place by God Almighty, they are not Him! Remember when Eli, the High Priest, and Judge of Israel for 40 years, heard the awful***

news that the Philistines had killed his two sons, and had taken the ark of God from the temple at Shiloh, Eli fell backwards off his seat and broke his neck, meanwhile his daughter-in-law dying in childbirth, named her son **“Ichabod” (the glory is departed from Israel)! Well, if the glory departed from Israel, when Israel sinned, and followed the Pagans, and forsook God’s Law, how much more can the glory depart from nations and churches today, as they sweep every vice under the carpet, and accept the Pagan Roman Church with its many Pagan festivals, as Christian! Today, we can safely say that the glory of God is departed from the kingdom of England and Great Britain, and likewise from Australia – our godly system has not saved us from our own sins, only Christ Himself can do that! But He requires repentance!**

**WE MUST WORSHIP AND OBEY GOD, NOT THE SYSTEM, MUCH LESS THE SINFUL PEOPLE IN THE SYSTEM. This is why blind obedience to all so-called ‘authority’ is a great sin, and a great and costly mistake!** Think of a godly system of government, like God’s Moral Law. (People talk about being governed the ‘the rule of law’ – well, what about Israel’s Law, which was the very Law of God? Did it save Israel from utter destruction in 70 A.D.?) What about England? Alfred the Great based the laws of England on the Law of God, way back in the 800’s!!! Has that saved England from its sins, and from the wrath of God? No! God’s Law is perfect, but people either ignore it or abuse it somehow, if they do not have perfect hearts before God. David was a king after God’s own heart – **Acts 13:22 & 1 Samuel 13:14**, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. That is why, under David, the kingdom of Israel prospered so well, whereas in contrast, under Solomon, David’s heir, the great idolater and worshipper of foreign gods, while blessings followed for a time for David’s sake, the kingdom was afterwards divided, even though Solomon repented of his own sins – the damage was done; there were consequences on the way! Nor was the kingdom ever perfect and without its sins and troubles, even under David.

**WE LIVE IN AN IMPERFECT AND FALLEN WORLD. THIS IS WHY SO MANY MISGUIDED PEOPLE ARE CONTINUALLY COMPLAINING AND WANTING CHANGE (“Vote for this new party – it will fix your problems!”; “Support our mission with your hard-earned cash – we will save the world!”; or “Who needs the Royal Family? It’s time for change!”** You have all heard these hackneyed sayings of those who never cease to whinge and gripe.) – they cannot see the world as depraved and sinful, and they think themselves far better than they really are, so they are always whinging, and agitating for change, because they always blame somebody else for the evils of the world – a classic case at present, is that Vladimir Putin is the ‘straw man’ for everybody to shoot at, as if he is the only evil in the world, but just a few weeks back, the ‘pandemic’ was the only evil, the ‘unprecedented’ evil, and before that, it was ‘radical Islam’ (which seems to have been forgotten for now), and ‘climate change’ is an evergreen subject to always focus on – they even call CO2 a poisonous gas, and the people believe it!, and whereas, even Putin’s enemies (like Ukraine, U.S.A, Australia), are equally as evil as Putin and Russia – people just refuse to admit it – Why? **Their corrupt hearts won’t acknowledge their**



*own sin, or the judgments of God upon them even now, because they want to blame it all on somebody else! The whole world is righteous in its own eyes, but not before God! Therefore, they lurch from one whinge to the next, from one lying excuse to the next, and only exacerbate the problems – they continue, as if they know it all, repeating the same errors year after year, decade after decade, and never waking up, because to wake up would require admission of their own guilt, so they keep busy as ‘do-gooders’, and they keep speaking so as not to hear any correction.*

*So, David, as king, was a wonderful type of Christ, more so than other men, because he truly worshipped God – when rulers cease to worship God, God sends destroyers to them, but the people invariably don’t want to hear this.*

**DAVID WAS A PROPHET, HENCE, HE SPOKE OF CHRIST, & FOR CHRIST, & EVEN IN THE VERY PERSON OF CHRIST** – When I shall receive the congregation **I will judge uprightly**. *He spoke of things far beyond himself and his own realm: 3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.*

**Notice this: I bear up the pillars of it!**

*David could only say this in a highly poetic sense, but as it speaks of Christ, it is literally true! This is a wonderful prophesy of Christ, the Creator of all things and the Upholder of all things He created! David here, is a type of Christ, as Judge as well.*

*Later, another great prophet, the apostle Paul, made it very clear in **Hebrews 1**, GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

**Notice, upholding all things by the word of his power!**

*This is the power of the Almighty – this is majesty that is infinitely above and beyond that of David (as great a king as David was), and it is power infinitely above and beyond the power of Samson, who brought down the pillars of the house of Dagon – because Christ alone can say, The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of the earth! And He still does! And He always will! Foolish men, who think their ever-changing ‘science’ is greater than the infinite and unchanging knowledge of Almighty God, really think they rule the world and maintain it! They want to change the very contents of the air, by reducing the CO2 in it! They are worried about an asteroid that they say is soon going to destroy the earth – little do they know, or even want to know, it is Almighty God Who will destroy the earth, nothing else! The Bible says so! And when He does, no man will be able to stop it.*

*So, all the world has made one immense and fatal mistake – it has not acknowledged, as David did, the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ in all things, as Creator and Upholder and Judge of all creation. He is also the Saviour of creation, but only those who acknowledge His pre-eminence, will take part in His redemption.*

**FIFTHLY, THEREFORE, WE SEE THE WISDOM THAT FLOWS FROM THIS REVELATION OF THE TRUE ALMIGHTY GOD, WHOM WE MUST WORSHIP AS DAVID DID:**

***THE FIRST POINT OF WISDOM WE FIND IS A WARNING AGAINST PRIDE: Remember, this is David speaking, or it may be Asaph, speaking on behalf of David:***

4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

***DON'T PROMOTE YOURSELF, OR BE AMBITIOUS:***

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a stiff neck.

***TO PROMOTE YOURSELF IS TO IMITATE GOD – HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO PROMOTES:***

6 For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

***GOD IS JUDGE, AND THEREFORE, NO MAN IS QUALIFIED TO JUDGE IN HIS OWN RIGHT:***

7 But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

***GOD'S JUDGMENT OF ALL MEN IS ASSURED – CHRIST WILL JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD AT HIS RETURN!***

8 For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, and drink *them*.

***WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO, OR MUST WE DO, BUT TO WORSHIP GOD?***

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

***DAVID, AS GOD'S CHOSEN RULER, MUST ACT AS GOD ACTS, AND BY THE GRACE THAT GOD SUPPLIES.***

10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

***FAR FROM BEING PROUD, RULERS IN THIS WORLD HAVE NO RIGHT TO GO AGAINST GOD'S LAW AND GOD'S JUDGMENT. On the contrary, they are literally required to be like David, and carry out God's judgments in the earth. It was David also, who gave these words of prophecy in 2 Samuel 23, NOW these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, 2 The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. 3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. 4 And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.***

***Let us worship God only & give thanks to Him Who reigns in infinite perfection, who judges all the world justly, and who demands the worship of all creation, because it is He who upholds the pillars of it, with the word of His power! Amen.***