



Stop Fighting God

It's a **Spiritual**
Warfare

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As a country, we are faced with many dilemmas

Ps 2:1-3:1

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'"

10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

WHY DO THEY FIGHT GOD

- ❖ They are **exasperated** with God's Authority,
- ❖ They are **envious** of Christ's Advancement
- ❖ They are **entrenched** in Animosity to the Spirit of Holiness.

Verse 1

The nations rage to:

- ❖ Prevent the spread of the gospel
- ❖ Prevent people from serving Jesus Christ

They set themselves up:

- ❖ To have their own way (have it your way at Burger King)
- ❖ To plot and plan against the Lord
- ❖ To take a stand of firmness against His Anointed (Against all religions in general, but against Christian religion in particular)

SATAN'S AIM IS GET US TO ACT IN OPPOSITION TO GOD.

Num 20:7-12

7 The LORD said to Moses, 8 "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. **Speak to that rock** before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink."

9 So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him. 10 He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" 11 Then Moses raised his arm and **struck the rock** twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "**Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites,** you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

NIV

Israel's Sin:

They had pleasure in unrighteousness
 They did not love the truth
 They did not believe God

America's Sin:

We do not believe the truth
 We have no love for the truth
 We have pleasure in unrighteousness
 We do not believe that there is a need to be saved
 We exemplified a poor testimony for Christ.