

Do Homage to the Son

Psalm 2:11, 12

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Worship the Lord with reverence,
And rejoice with trembling.
Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way,
For His wrath may soon be kindled.
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

Such is the reading of the last two verses of the 2nd Psalm. The message is worship with reverence and rejoice with trembling, or else! Someone might wonder at the harsh, threatening language used. Why doesn't the Psalmist remind us of the goodness and compassion of our God as reasons to worship and rejoice in Him? The reason is that he is writing to those who have rebelled against God. They have purposely tried to throw off the rule of God, to maintain their own independence that they might be free to do whatever their selfish hearts desire.

When man refuses to listen to God and stubbornly seeks to do his own will, it is time to speak of the wrath of God. Such a man needs to be rocked to his soles with the awesomeness of rebelling against the God of heaven. He cannot win. Either he does homage to the Son of God, or the Son will become angry and he will perish. Rather than "do homage" The King James Version says "Kiss the Son". A kiss is used to represent the giving of reverence and obedience. Even a little of His wrath will be sufficient to cause utter destruction.

In this regard, the Hebrew writer speaks in chapter 10, verse 26, of those who go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth and then in verse 31, "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

The side of God we like to think about is the side of love. God *is* love to all those who strive to do His will, that is, those who accept and reciprocate His love. Notice how the Psalmist says it at the end of Psalm 2, "How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!" Even to the one in rebellion, God is a God of love. He continues to hold out his loving arms in hope the rebellious will repent. But, to the one who refuses and continues in open rebellion, He is a God of frightful wrath.

Many today need to wake up. This is an age of selfishness, of independent action. This is an age, at least in the United States, when everyone feels free to do his own thing, to live as he pleases. Such an attitude of independence from God is a certain road to destruction. Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way.