



SONGS FOR A BROKEN WORLD

2. When God laughs Psalm 2

- 2nd favourite Psalm in New Testament (Acts 4, 13; Heb 1, 5; Rev 12, 19)
- 4 actions for living in a broken world

1. **Recognise Rebellion v1-3**

- The reason for the brokenness - There is restless discontent with God
- Hate God so much that they misrepresent him v3
- Three ways people rebel – anarchy, indifference, pretended interest
- If we do not recognise this as fundamentally rebellion, we will not understand the world

2. **Listen to the Laughter v4-6**

- God isn't pacing, or on red-alert – he is seated and laughing
- Laughing because it's laughable (but not a laughing matter)
 - Rebellion is ridiculous v1**
 - “Why do the nations conspire... *in vain*?”
 - He is seated and winning v4,5**
 - All he has to do is speak and they scatter
 - Any ‘defeat’ turns out to be God’s victory v6,7**
 - Acts 4:25,26 quotes v1-3 as referring to the crucifixion
 - Acts 13:33 quotes v7 as referring to the resurrection
 - Every skirmish serves God’s predetermined plan – even the crucifixion
- We need to hear the laughter when the situation would cause despair

3. **Realise the Son Wins v7-9**

- Psalm foretells Jesus as a Warrior King
- This is his mandate – to rule the world
- See the inevitability and extent of the Messiah’s triumph
 - His Gospel will spread across the world v8**
 - “I will...” – Nothing can stop the Gospel
 - We’ve the responsibility & the right to tell everyone & go everywhere
 - The Nations will answer to him v9**
 - Quoted in Rev 19:15 – There will be no withstanding his judgment

4. **Call people to Glad-hearted Surrender v10-12**

- No exultant triumphalism - we urge people to honour & serve Jesus
- Why? Because it brings great happiness – “**Blessed** are all...”
- We escape *from* God by escaping *to* God – “... who find refuge **in him**”
- Why trust him? Before he comes to dash in pieces, Jesus came and was dashed in pieces for us
- In a broken world the only lasting joy is found in serving the warrior king who gave his life for you.

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Sabbath 24th May 09

Notices

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| Sun 24 th | Evening meeting @ Day Centre
Outreach Talk - Can you go so far from God that you can't come back? | 8pm |
| Wed | Bible study @ Church
Study on 10 Commandments - Study 8 | 8pm |
| Sun 31 st | Evening talk
Living in God's Masterpiece - A celebration of God's Creation | 7pm |

June

- Sab 7th No evening service in Milford (Letterkenny Communion thanksgiving)

8th to 10th Synod meets at Cloughmills

Wed 10th Mission Rally @ Synod for everyone - Details to follow

Sab 14th Monthly Evening Service in Milford

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| Sab 28 th | Church Lunch
Outreach Talk @ Day Centre | 8pm |
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Calvin DVD

The church has collaborated in producing a DVD about John Calvin's life, theology and influence. The aim is to make us more familiar, not only with Calvin, but with the Biblical doctrines he rediscovered and which lie at the heart of the faith we profess.

It is on sale at a special launch price of £12.99 (€15) each. (from 1 July - £15 (€17))

Sunday 31st - Psalms for a broken World - Psalm 42,43

Opening Psalm: 74

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