

# What the WICKED should DO to not be 'The Butt or Target of the Joke'

## Psalm 2

v1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? v2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. v3 "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." v4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. v5 Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, v6 "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." v7 I will proclaim the decree of the LORD : He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. v8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. v9 You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." v10 Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. v11 Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. v12 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.

### I. FOUR REASONS WHY GOD LAUGHTS AT THE WICKED

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The wicked are defined in v3 as those who say: "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."

### **THEY ARE THOSE WHO ARE IN REBELLION TO GOD**

#### 1. NATIONS CONSPIRE. v1 Why do the nations conspire?

The word "conspire" - v1 = RAGE - They shake their fists in the "face" of God yet can't even plan or control their own lives. It's like an ant getting cross with an elephant, yet the difference is actually immeasurable!

#### 2. PEOPLE PLOT. v1 Why do ... the peoples plot in vain?

The words "PLOT IN VAIN" - v1 = IMAGINE EMPTINESS - The greatest thoughts of wicked people literally mean nothing!

#### 3. KINGS POSTURE. v2 The kings of the earth take their stand ...

The words "TAKE THEIR STAND" - v2 = TO POSITION ONESELF - The KINGS of the earth think they are untouchable!

#### RULERS PLAN.

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Man beplan maar God beskik or Mens wik maar God beskik

#### *Proverbs 16:9 in AFRIKAANS vs NIV*

*'n Mens beplan sy pad, maar die Here bepaal hoe hy loop.*

*In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.*

### II. FOUR RESPONSES OF GOD TOWARD THE WICKED

v4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. v5 Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath,

#### 1. GOD'S LAUGHTS at them. v4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

The word "laughs" - v4 = To play with, smile or be entertained - Like we are 'entertained' when a child does childish things, so God smiles when people think they don't need HIM of shake their fist in rebellion against HIM!

2. **GOD'S SCOFFS at them.** v4 the Lord scoffs at them;  
The word “scoffs at” - v4 = *To mock or ridicule* - It's not that God is some mean person in heaven calling people by ugly names. People “ridicule” themselves by saying “ridiculous” things like, “I may have been born as a man, but I now identify as a women”!! It would be the same as saying, “I may have been born as a human, but I now identify as a BUS!!” You can say “Wroom, Wroom” as much as you want, you will never be a bus.
3. **GOD'S REBUKES them.** v5 Then he rebukes them in his anger  
The word “anger” - v5 = *a nostril or nose* - The image is of a BULL about to charge. This word is used 269 times in the Bible. The Nation of Israel is a great example of God displaying HIS WRATH on people who rejected HIM as their God.
4. **GOD'S REMINDS them OF THEIR DESTINY.** v5 terrifies them in his wrath  
The word “wrath” - v5 = *burning anger* - There is only one destination for the wicked. Eternal damnation in the burning fires of hell.

### III. **FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS GOD GIVES THE WICKED**

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1. **HUMANITY BE WISE.** V10  
Be people that have insight and a prudent.
2. **HUMANITY BE WARNED.** V10  
Only a fool makes the same mistake twice.  
*"As a dog returns to his vomit, so a fool repeats his folly" Proverbs 26:11*
3. **HUMANITY BE WORSHIPFUL.** V11  
Serve the Lord with “HOLY” fear.
4. **HUMANITY BE WORRIED.** V11  
The word “trembling” - v11 = *shaking* - If we serve with all of our hearts we will be filled with excitement and rejoicing.
5. **HUMANITY BE WELCOMED.** V12  
The words “kiss the son” - v12 = *surrender* - When you bowed down to kiss their hand you did so as an act of surrender.

### IV. **NINE REREFERNCES TO JESUS IN THIS PSALM**

1. **THE ANOINTED ONE.** V2 - against the LORD and against his Anointed One.
2. **THE ONE ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN.** V4 - v4 The One enthroned in heaven .
3. **MY KING ON ZION.** V6 - "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."
4. **THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.** V7 - He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.
5. **THE RULER OF ALL NATIONS.** V8a Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance.
6. **THE LORD OF ALL CREATION.** V8b the ends of the earth your possession.
7. **THE JUDGE OF ALL NATIONS.** V9 You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." .
8. **THE SON WHO SAVES.** V12 Kiss the Son.
9. **THE SOURCE OF BLESSING.** V12 Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

### **Conclusion**

#### **THE WICKED SHOULD TURN TO JESUS FOR SALVATION**

Galatians 6:7-9 “You cannot fool God, so don't make a fool of yourself! You will harvest what you plant. If you follow your selfish desires, you will harvest destruction, but if you follow the Spirit, you will harvest eternal life. Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up.”