

God doesn't stand removed from our lives, He gets involved, comes after us. What kind of a Dad would watch his daughter run from Him into the road?

Does a good father say 'yeah, have free will! Do as you please! You are your own Sovereign entity, please, how dare I interrupt your own sovereign plans for your life?' The act of love is the act of restriction, the act of cutting across free will. And we all praise our earthly fathers for it. But somehow we don't like it when God does it.

How free is our free will? We aren't free because we are sinners. **TOTAL DEPRAVITY** means that 10 out of 10 we run into the traffic. Freedom = death.

And God says that though we resist and rebel against His anointed, He is still sending His Son Jesus to be King. Jesus will be king and will rule, and He will ultimately destroy all those oppose Him **'break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel'**. One day 'every knee will bow, and every tongue confess'. **Where will we take refuge from Him?**

3. What shall we then do? (vs 10-12)

God warns us and calls us to wisdom: "Rejoice with trembling". **This apparent contradiction needs to be resolved, but how? We kiss the Son!** What does it mean to kiss the Son? **Shouldn't we take refuge from Him?**

1. Sign of recognition and His Lordship. This is God's advice to us. Surrender.
2. Closeness, intimacy and drawing near. You can't kiss from 10km!

How do we draw near? Shouldn't we be terrified of the Son who will dash his enemies to pieces? Shouldn't we recoil in terror knowing we have tried to throw off his chains?!

Because he has made a double meaning in vs 6 'on my holy hill'. **Divine Exchange**

This is where it all ties together. This king, full of wrath towards those who rebel is so full of love that He sent His Son to be 'dashed to pieces like a potter's vessel'.

God's wrath get's exerted on His Son in our place! His hatred towards rebellion isn't toned down, it's fully expressed, on Jesus. The wrath of God is on full display to us. We don't serve no weak insipid God. He's not weak towards sin, He watched His own Son die for it.

But, In His wrath, His love is on full display! He sends his Son Jesus to die for us.

His Sovereignty is the best news then because He is good and loves us! He reaches out to make a plan. He grabs us out of the road before the truck.

His self sufficiency means that His love is uncalled for and extravagant!

In Christ we have true freedom. Redeemed from an empty way of life... No longer enslaved by our old passions, but free to be who He made us to be. **Ps 119**

Can we see why we need to understand the different aspects of God's attributes? Doesn't his wrath make his love all that more amazing? Doesn't his self sufficiency make our salvation all the more wonderful!

Psalm 2.11 says that we should rejoice with trembling. **It's like a near miss on a car crash.**

That's what happens when we understand God's nature and his saving work in Jesus. We don't get all flippant with God for his love and live with a cheap grace fake rejoicing. We don't tremble in fear and stay away. We rejoice in God, with trembling.

It makes us the humblest, happiest, most confident people on the planet. We live our lives for others, we rejoice in God, we love Him with all our hearts, because He first loved us.