

## **Haven't Got a Prayer**

### Part 2-Tied Down, Freed Up

#### **Introduction**

We hate to be told what to do.  
Often see God as cosmic kill-joy  
We want to be unrestricted

#### **Psalm 2**

“nations rage” – people devise in vain (empty or useless)  
2-3 don't want to be told what to do  
4-God laughs & (5) anger  
6- “I have installed my King (Messiah)  
7-9 King/Messiah answers  
-the nations who think they are going to do their own thing have been given to Him as a gift.  
v.9 “shatter” –Egyptian ritual  
10-12 Suggested action-show wise choice  
-Reverence (worship)  
-Rejoice  
-Respect (“kiss” or honor)  
-Refuge  
Notice opportunity & expression are part of the response.

#### **Application**

We see freedom as being out from under any control  
and being ruled or tied down  
Messiah comes to save-Refuge

God desires to provide safety & freedom (if the Son sets you free.....)

Submitting to God doesn't tie you down, it frees you up.

But we don't want to submit  
poor choice, because God IS King

This is uncomfortable & offensive  
Isaiah 45:21-24

How do you approach God?

-grudging, raging, asserting your independence?

Do you act as if you can be freer by rejecting Him as  
ACTING King for today?

Do you approach Him (prayer)

reverence (worship)-who He is

rejoice (expression) thanks, gifts

respect (honor Him, His power)

refuge (opportunity) safe, free, fully loved