

- > Great Day.... We are so glad that you have joined us here, to take in what the Lord is speaking to us about today.
- This message segment, is brought to you by: **Discovery Crossroads Ministries**... Our ministry truly believes that: **with God, "Dead-ends can & do become alive again!"**
- > Today's message title is: "**Why Do The Nation's Rage?**".
- > Let's start with what the word "**Rage**" means. Rage means: "**Violent, Uncontrollable, Anger**". A good example of this "Rage", can be seen by: the crazy, out of their minds, protestors in Minneapolis...(They are out of control - gritting their teeth, screaming hysterically, throwing tantrums, etc. If that's Not Rage, I don't know what is!)
- > Let's look at "**Rage**" in Psalm 2:1-6, "**1 Why are the nations so angry?** (How: Why do they Rage?). *Why do they waste their time with futile plans?* **2 The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against his anointed one.** **3 "Let us break their chains,"** they cry, **"and free ourselves from slavery to God."**...("we don't want God messing around in our lives!")

4 **But** the one who rules in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them. 5 Then in anger he rebukes them, terrifying them with his fierce fury. 6 For the Lord declares, "**I have placed my chosen king on the throne in Jerusalem, on my holy mountain.**" NLT

- This passage clearly says that: the major reason that kings, rulers, and **the wicked**, are so wound up tight and out of control (*raging*), is because **they are warring against God, and His Son (Jesus Christ)**....(*they want to be free from God, His Son, and His commanding Word*)...(that's heavy!)
- ....God's Word says that **the wicked** will Never fall under God's sovereignty & rule. They will fight Him to be out from under His Authority. They will never humble themselves, nor recognize, God's Rule! They will never receive God's Word, nor be obedient to it! The wicked will say, "*there is no God*", and they will live their life like there is not One. They will live their life, like God's "*end of life Accountability*" doesn't exist! They will disrespect & disobey everything that God says in His Word. Literally, this passage says that they **war against Him**, at every turn! They will never receive God's Son (**Jesus Christ**), as their "*God, Savior or Lord*" - *in fact*, they will openly deny & defy Him! / **But**, God laughs at these puny, defiant, human beings. They act like a kid with a cap-gun,

taking on a superior alien with a laser. They act like they can stand atop a volcano (*with all THEIR power*) and force it to NOT erupt – like they have that kind of power. They act like they are God, and God is NOT God. **But the Truth is:** God is The Only God, and we are NOT Him! He HAS the power to overcome the greatest force, that we can think of, in all of the universe. He alone CAN speak to a volcano, and make it NOT erupt. Be NOT deceived, God tells the wicked, evil-doers, *“They will be condemned at the time of judgment.”* **Truly,** The Bible exemplifies this in **Matthew 21:33-41.**

This is the parable of the Landowner, who leased His land to some people who wanted to grow grapes. When it came time for the harvest, the farmers wouldn't pay their lease money to the Owner. The Owner sent slaves to collect the money, but the farmers killed them. The Owner finally sent His Own Son, but they killed Him too. / **So**, if you understand the last part of what I just read, you understand that: Jesus came to earth, the first time, bearing God's message to all people - **But**, the religious leaders had Jesus crucified on a cross. *They didn't want His **interference** in their lives.* They didn't want to give to God, what is owed to God (*namely our: loyalty, respect, obedience, etc.*) – so they thought they could just kill Jesus, and the whole issue of God would go away...(*just like people still do today* – *they think they can kill God & Jesus out of our society, and make them go away!*)

**Yet in the end**, the passage says that God WILL punish all the farmers (*all people*), who have REJECTED Him and His Son (*Jesus*).... and then the people will **Rage** over this judgement/punishment, with gnashing of teeth, bitterness & hatred of God.

> **So, What lies in the souls of the condemned, evil-doers, with all their Rage?** Their souls are inundated with: **pride, rebellion, and misplaced trust in human power.**

-- Great numbers of human beings, **choose** to live their life, **in opposition** to God, His Son, and His Word. **God is Sovereign**....(*He holds all supreme power, authority, and independence. There is no one who can rival God*).  
God alone appoints "**Who**" is the only King of this world.  
We can fight Him tooth & nail on this, but it will NOT change Who God has appointed as "**Savior of the world**" -(ie: *Jesus Christ*)....(*yell, kick & scream, if you like - it won't change!*)

> **So when I say: pride, rebellion, and misplaced trust in human power,** are at the heart of Rage - **that's serious!**

**1)** ...**Seriously**, at the **Core (Heart) of Rage**, is personal:

a) **Pride.** Pride is "**self-respect**". A person with great pride, feels that they should be respected by everyone – mainly

because “*they think **more highly** of themselves, than they ought to*”. They are big-headed (*high ego*) - thinking supremely about themselves. Nobody can do better than they can! They act in a manner, highly “**Independent**” from all others – no one will tell them what to do, or how to live! They are filled with “**Arrogance**” to everyone around them; including God Himself....(*I’m talking about: arrogance leading to someone’s belief that they are greater than God – greater than His Son – greater than God’s call for humanity to be obedient to His Word*). Pride kills our soul & makes it Rage!

**2)** ...at the **Core (Heart) of Rage**, is personal:

b) **Rebellion.** Rebellion against: Truth, social norms, the wisdom of the wise, those in authority, normalized principles & laws, Rebellion even towards God Himself...(*I presume it’s because, He has established Himself as being ALL: Truth, Wisdom, Power & Authority - in heaven, and on earth!*)-(*evil can’t stand this*). Rebellion is at the heart of “**Warring**” against God, His Son Jesus, and His Word!

**3)** ...at the **Core (Heart) of Rage**, is personal:

c) **Misplaced trust.**

Since those **warring** against God, **cannot** place their trust in Him – they place their trust in something or someone else; namely in “**Human**” wisdom or power – *hence why everyone*

*is so **political** these days!* **Yet**, misplacing our trust onto humans or human systems, is faulty! Human beings, and their processes & principles, fail. They can Never stand against the truths & realities of the "**eternal life**", that's coming to all of us! To place trust in some human, or human system (*to raise you from the dead*), is a very misplaced thing to do! All humans will die - None can raise themselves back to life after death! Only God HAS the "**Divine Power**" to raise us back to life! On/In Him is where our Trust must be!

**4)** ...at the **Core (Heart) of Rage**, is personal:

d) **A lack of Peace.** Soul-peace can decay. It happens when a person, does NOT have **Jesus Christ** (*The Light of The World - The Prince of Peace*) living in their heart, illuminating it!

...**Sadly**, without Jesus, they are left with nothing in their soul, but "**darkness & negativity**", that "**spirals**" deeper into heavier darkness, sadness, anger, hatred, violence & more! Peace of soul then, becomes "**illusive/not to be found**" - *for* God has **reserved** His Peace, only to those who will **turn to Him** and receive His Son's offering on the cross! A lack of peace is meant to steer us to God - Who holds all soul-peace!

-- To **HAVE "soul-peace"**, one must HAVE **Jesus Christ** ("**The Light of the world**"), that **chases "soul-darkness" away** - living in their heart! **Matthew 6:22-23**, "*22 The eye is*

the lamp of the body. If your eyes are **healthy** (good with God), your whole body will be **full of light**. 23 But if your eyes are **unhealthy** (Not good with God), your whole body will be **full of darkness**. If then **the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness?**" NIV (everyone must answer this question for themselves!).

-- **Listen to me**: A soul that has NO Light, **cries out**.... it cries out with: depression & sadness – restlessness, anxiety & agitation – anger, hostility & violence. Darkness in the heart, is the source of death to the human soul. God Never created human beings to live with such darkness in their hearts – **yet** everyone is given the "**free-will**" **choice**, whether to: Accept God or Deny Him - whether to: Obey God, or Disobey Him!

> God Never intended for human beings to live APART from Him. God has gone out of His Way (*thru Jesus*), to create for us a "**Crossroad**" (*that we can take*), to change the course of our lives, back to Him! The Crossroad is there - found only by "**believing** that God raised Jesus from the dead", and by "**confessing** with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord".

-- **Psalm 1:1-6**, "1 **Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.** 2 But **they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.** 3 They are like

trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. 4 **But not the wicked!** They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. 5 They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly. 6 **For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.**" NLT

....**Major points in this passage:**

- Do NOT follow the advice of the wicked. (*evil influencers, kill*).
- Do NOT stand around with sinners. (*bad character corrupts*  
– *you can end up on the path of the wicked*).
- Do NOT join in with mockers. (*vile words do damage*  
– *our corrupt soul, displays itself thru our words*).
- **DO Delight** in the law of the Lord; meditate on it day & night.

....**I would add:**

- a) Find humility – quit thinking more highly of yourself than you ought! Quit thinking that “you” are so smart, and that “you” know more than other people - or even more than God!
- b) Turn from rebelling (*warring*) against God, His Son, and His Word. \* Rebelling against God, will only ensure that you **stay “restless”** (*having NO peace*); both now & in eternity!
- c) Place your trust in God alone. There is NO human being (*NOT even yourself*), that can save you from the Wrath of God to

Come! Deciding to place your trust in God (*to save you, and give you eternal peace*), will be the Best thing that you could ever do for yourself.

d) Discover inward (soul) peace! God is our Only Source for Peace (*lasting peace*). He alone gives His Peace, to those who turn to Him. Apart from that, Peace will be withheld. The apostle Luke recorded Jesus' Words to the people of Jerusalem, when they thought political leaders were their source of peace. Luke 19:42, "*If you had only known what would bring you peace, but now it is hidden from your eyes!*" NIV Are people still doing this today?

-- Look: The Israelites failed to recognize "**Jesus**" as being the Promised **Messiah & Prince of Peace** (*as people still do today*)! They chose to follow political-upheaval (**political leaders**), instead of **choosing** to follow God and His Good Word/Good Paths (*as people still do today*)! They thus became "**spiritually blind**", and persisted in pushing father & father **away** from God – which led to God's **Divine Judgement** upon them. Lacking God's Peace, the people were constantly surrounded in chaos – leading them to experience soul: unrighteousness, unholiness, and ever-growing (*even violent*) anger...

-- I ask some straight up questions: Are you a person lacking peace in your soul? Are you shrouded in Chaos,

*Restlessness, Growing in anger - maybe to the point that you are feeling yourself getting more violent with people around you? Do you believe that you might just be "Warring" against God? Can you say that God IS your Creator (because if you can't, you probably have No Jesus living within you, because you are living Independently from Him - and because of that, I can bet that you probably do not have any soul-peace!)?*

**Look**, God is Not causing all that in you - it is evil flourishing in your heart! You have to "Rebuke" it (*disapprove of it / Not allow it to remain*). You have a choice (a better choice), than to just hang onto the chaos & restlessness of soul - **Turn to Jesus**. Ask Him to help you Rebuke it out of your heart! He can make it flee - but you have to **want** Him to do it! If you will ask Him to do it - you WILL find Peace of Soul, like you never have had before. Life will be so much more bearable, without all the chaos "**influencing you**" to **stay** disrupted in your being/in your soul.

...**Great friends**: There is a reason why "**Jesus**" is called: "**The Prince of Peace**"... He is The One, Who pours His Peace into OUR soul. **BUT**, that only happens WHEN "**WE**" receive "**Jesus**", as "**The Messiah (Savior) of the world**" - low: as "**The Messiah (Savior) of our personal life**".

.... Your **Independence** on yourself, has to die – *first thing!*

Let **Interdependence** arise, as you let Jesus take your “Independence on yourself” away... **now**: You have to place your Trust fully in Him, and not on yourself anymore!

- **Only you** can make the decision to allow The Lord to do this for you! He'll transform your chaos into Peace, but you have to “**want**” for Him to do it. **Have you had enough of the noise, chaos, lack of peace, going on inside of you?** (You have to get to that place, before you really will hand control of your life over to Jesus). **But**, if you WILL give it to Him, it will be the Best decision you ever will make.....  
...(I promise you it is, because I lived this one out myself).

**God is Real** people... it just takes “YOU” showing an ounce of faith to Him, and “He” will show all of Himself to you!

- **So**, **Are you ready to release all the pain & struggle, that YOU have brought upon your life? Let it go - give it to Jesus - show Him that ounce of belief now.....**

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### **Discovery questions:**

- 1)** The opening message title stated, “Why Do The Nation’s Rage?”; but what does that mean to you?

- 2)** Reread Psalm 2:1-6; What is the stated "reason" why people Rage so much these days?
- 3)** Why do you believe that so many people are against God, so mad at Him all the time? What is it that they hate about God?
- 4)** If "Rage" is defined as: "Violent, Uncontrollable, Anger", then do YOU display any signs of having it? If so, how does it show itself in your life?
- 5)** If the Psalmist was so concerned over this "Rage" issue, back in his day (*in Psalm 2*); What concerns are still present today in 2026? Is it possible that the same thing inspires Rage today, as it did back in the Psalmist' day? Does the inspiration of "Rage" in people, have anything to do with "Jesus and His Words to the world"?
- 6)** Does "Independence" have anything to do with our "Rage" against God? Isn't it true that we all have some "Nobody is going to tell me what to do" hiding away in our soul? If so, how does having puffed-up "Pride & Independence" towards God, affect our relationship with Him, and with the Peace He wants to give us?
- 7)** What is the real meaning behind the "Parable of the Landowner", found in Matthew 21:33-41? Do we really give

God what is owed to Him, for ALL that He has done to save us from an eternity in hell? Do you “submit” to God’s Authority over your life, both: now and in eternity?

- 8)** Can you “admit” that God is your Creator, or do you believe that God had nothing to do with your creation & life?  
*...(answering this question, points to how much or how little, that you have God & His Peace filling your heart/soul?)*
- 9)** Seriously, do you believe that God “gives” His Everlasting Peace, to the souls of those who believe in Him and in His Son (*Jesus*) for all that He accomplished on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? ....*(again, your answer of yes or no, determines whether you are experiencing His Peace in your soul, or experiencing nothing but calamity & chaos (no peace)!*)
- 10)** Do “YOU” believe that it is possible that your “Pride” is puffed-up against God? Is it possible that you might be “Rebelling” against Him, in some area of your life? I mean, are you placing your “Trust” in someone or something, other than in God? *(If you place your Trust in someone else, or something else, tell me how they (mere humans) will raise you back to life after you die? Not; they can’t!)*
- 11)** Reread Psalm 1:1-6; how does this passage say that you can experience God’s Incredible Peace, flowing & filling your

soul? ....(iow: How God CAN "chase away" the shadows of darkness & negativity, and "replace them" with His Light & Positivity (His Joy & Happiness)?)

**12)** God has clearly told us: "*Whoever calls upon the Name of The Lord, will be saved (thet will experience Peace with God)*" – **But**, are you sick & tired of fighting (*warring*) with God yet? **Truth is**: We have got to get "sick & tired" of dealing with Unrest, Turbulence, Commotion, Sadness, Anger & Hostility within our soul, before we will Turn to Him and seek His Restoration & Peace? Are "YOU" sick & tired and ready to call on His Name? It is as easy as closing your eyes, and humbly asking for His forgiveness for trying to live "Apart" (*or, Independently*) from Him and His Good Ways/Word. Oh the "Joys" of those who will "Delight" in God and in His Word - those who love His Word – those who will meditate on them day & night - and those who will obey them!