

## **“Break The Bands And Cast Away The Cords”**

In the Messianic Psalm 2, the writer says, *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us”* (vss. 1-3). This passage foretells the fierce opposition Christ would meet from the people of the earth (cf. Acts 4:25-26).

An intriguing phrase is *“Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.”* Of course, this has specific reference to the rebellious attitude of the earthly rulers; however, there is a lesson to be learned from them because this attitude infects all mankind. A rebellious disposition refuses to submit to the obligations of divine law, which runs counter to the interests and desires of men. People who are wicked do not want restraint. Corrupt affections are the staunch enemies of Christ.

People would easily believe doctrines if they involved no commandments; people would easily tolerate the church if she would only give up her stance for truth. But the word of God does not allow for compromise. Ephesians 5:11 says, *“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”* Whether the issue is moral (dancing, drinking, cursing, immodest apparel, divorce and remarriage, homosexual marriage, etc.) or doctrinal (Calvinism, Premillennialism, using the church for politics or social concerns, denominationalism, etc.), the church cannot compromise. The issue is not whether we are unyielding or unloving; the issue is *“holding fast the form of sound words”* (2 Timothy 1:13). Will you join us in this important work?

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