

Psalms 2:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

Analysis

This verse captures the rebellious heart of humanity against divine authority. The imagery of breaking 'bands' and casting away 'cords' represents mankind's attempt to throw off God's sovereign rule and moral law. This theme echoes throughout Scripture, from the Fall in Eden to the rejection of Christ. The Hebrew 'moser' (bands) and 'abot' (cords) suggest restraints that are actually protective boundaries, revealing how sin distorts God's good governance as oppressive bondage.

Historical Context

Psalms 2 is a royal coronation psalm likely used when Davidic kings ascended the throne. The nations' rebellion reflects the constant political unrest Israel faced from surrounding kingdoms. Peter and John quoted this psalm in Acts 4:25-26, interpreting it as prophetic of the nations' conspiracy against Christ.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. In what ways do you find yourself resisting God's loving authority in your life?
2. How does viewing God's commands as protective rather than restrictive change your perspective on obedience?

Interlinear Text

נִ, נִתְּקָה	אֶת	מִוִּסְרוֹתַיִם	וְנִשְׁלֵי יָדָהּ	מִמֶּנּוּ	עֲבֻתֵיהֶם:
Let us break	H853	their bands	and cast away	H4480	their cords
H5423		H4147	H7993		H5688

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 5:5 (Parallel theme): I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

Luke 19:14 (Parallel theme): But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

Luke 19:27 (Parallel theme): But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.