



Is God
Authoritative?

Psalm 2

Genesis 11:1-4 ESV

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

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³ And they said to one another,
“Come, let us make bricks, and burn
them thoroughly.” And they had brick
for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

Genesis 11:1-4 ESV

⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

Acts 4:23-26 ESV

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

Acts 4:23-26 ESV

²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,

Acts 4:23-26 ESV

²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

Acts 4:23-26 ESV

²⁶ ““Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against His Anointed

[KEY POINT]

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Allusions of Psalm 2 in the N.T.

- 1) Vs. 1 in Revelation 11:18
- 2) Vs. 1-2 in Acts 4:25-26
- 3) Vs. 2 in Revelation 19:19

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- 4) Vs. 7 in Matthew 3:17 & 17:5;
Mark 1:11 & 9:7; Luke 3:22;
9:35; John 1:49; Acts 13:33;
Hebrews 1:5 & 5:5

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- 5) Vs. 8 in Hebrews 1:2
- 6) Vs. 8-9 in Revelation 2:26-27
- 7) Vs. 9 in Revelation 12:5 & 19:15
- 8) Vs. 11 in Philippians 2:12

I. The World Conspires Against Their
Creator (vs. 1-3)

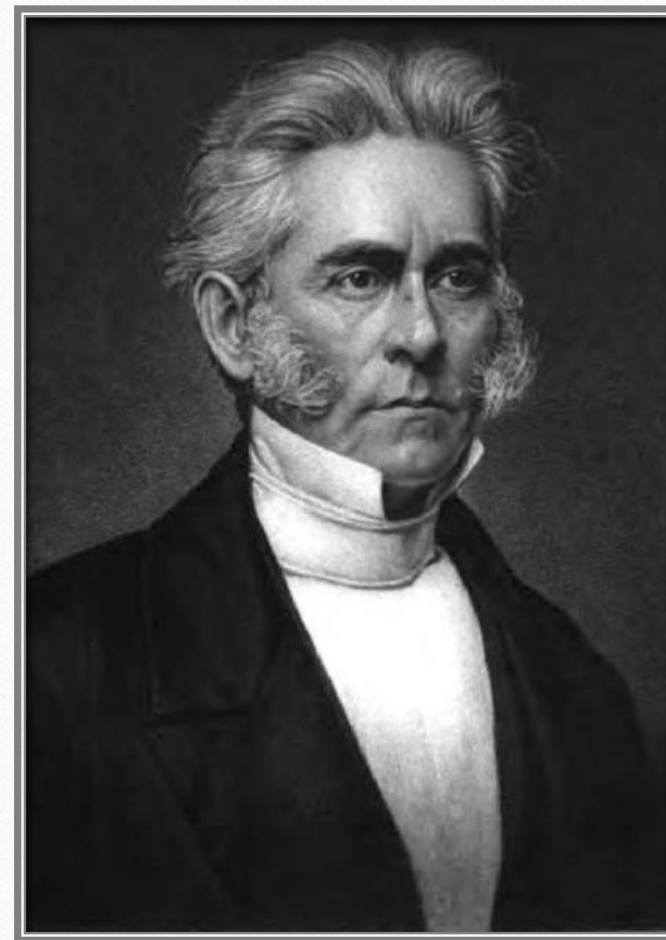
God as “Anointed”

- a) A title usually given to the **King of Israel**, but here it is **Christ** (Acts 4:24-27; 13:30-33; Heb 1:1-5)
- b) Universal dominion and judgment are given to **Christ**
- c) Later called **Son** (vs. 7)
- d) Mainly a **Heavenly King**

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- II. The Father Chuckles at Their Conspiring to Overthrow Him (vs. 4-6)



“It is as if a fly should
attack an elephant,
or a man endeavor
to snatch the sun
from the firmament.”



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- III. The Father Confirms His Son as the Rightful King (vs. 7-9)

John 5:18 ESV

¹⁸ This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.



“The Son was, after all, of the very same essence as His Father, heir to all the Father's rights and privileges - and therefore equal in every significant regard. So when Jesus was called ‘Son of God,’ it was understood...



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...categorically by all as a title of deity, making Him equal with God of the same essence as the Father. That is precisely why the Jewish leaders regarded the title ‘Son of God’ as high blasphemy.



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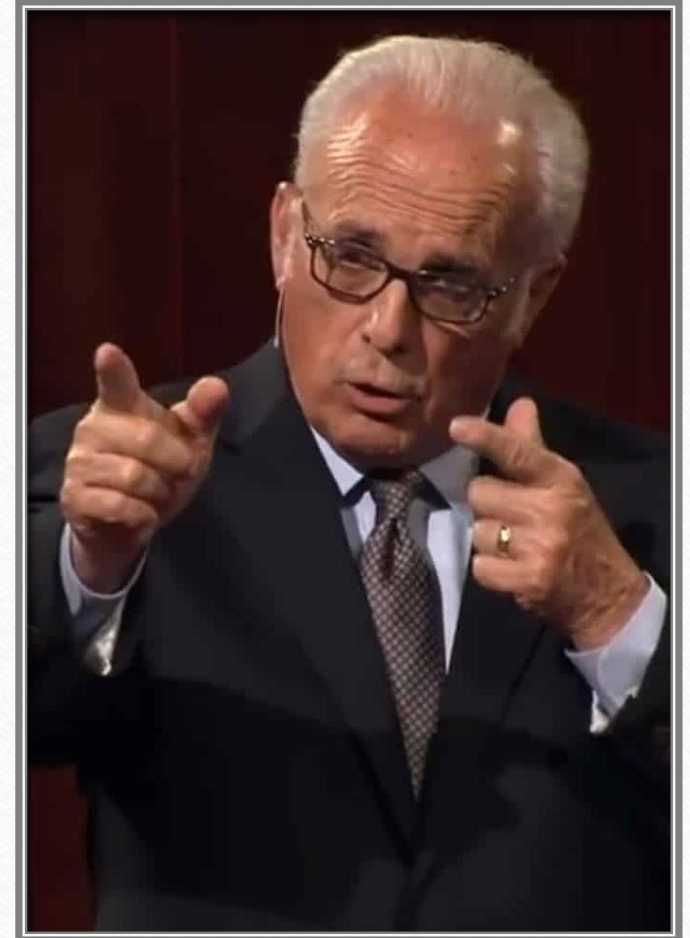
If Jesus' sonship signifies His deity and utter equality with the Father, it cannot be a title that pertains only to His incarnation. In fact, the main gist of what is meant by 'sonship'...



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(and certainly this would include
Jesus' divine essence)
must pertain to the eternal
attributes of Christ, not merely
the humanity He assumed.”



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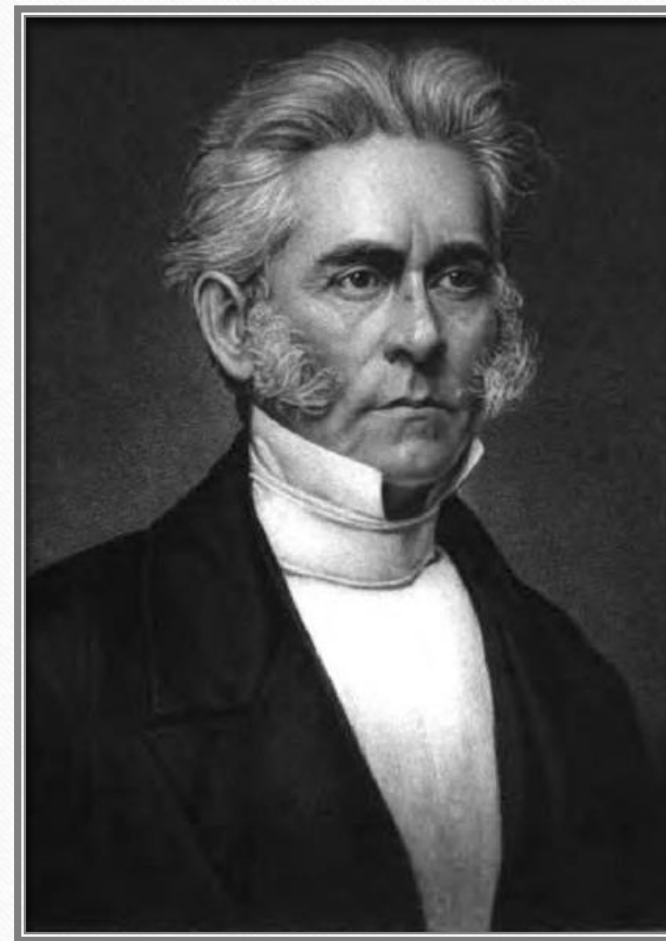
The Biblical View of Eternal Sonship

Jesus was NEVER not the Son in eternity past.



“The scepter is the sign or badge of sovereign power. This belongs to Christ, and He will use that power to crush all finally impenitent foes.

The figure of a potter’s vessel probably refers not from the words used, but from a dislike to the exercise of divine authority in the punishment of the wicked.”



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- IV. The World Is Commanded to Embrace His Son (vs. 10-12)