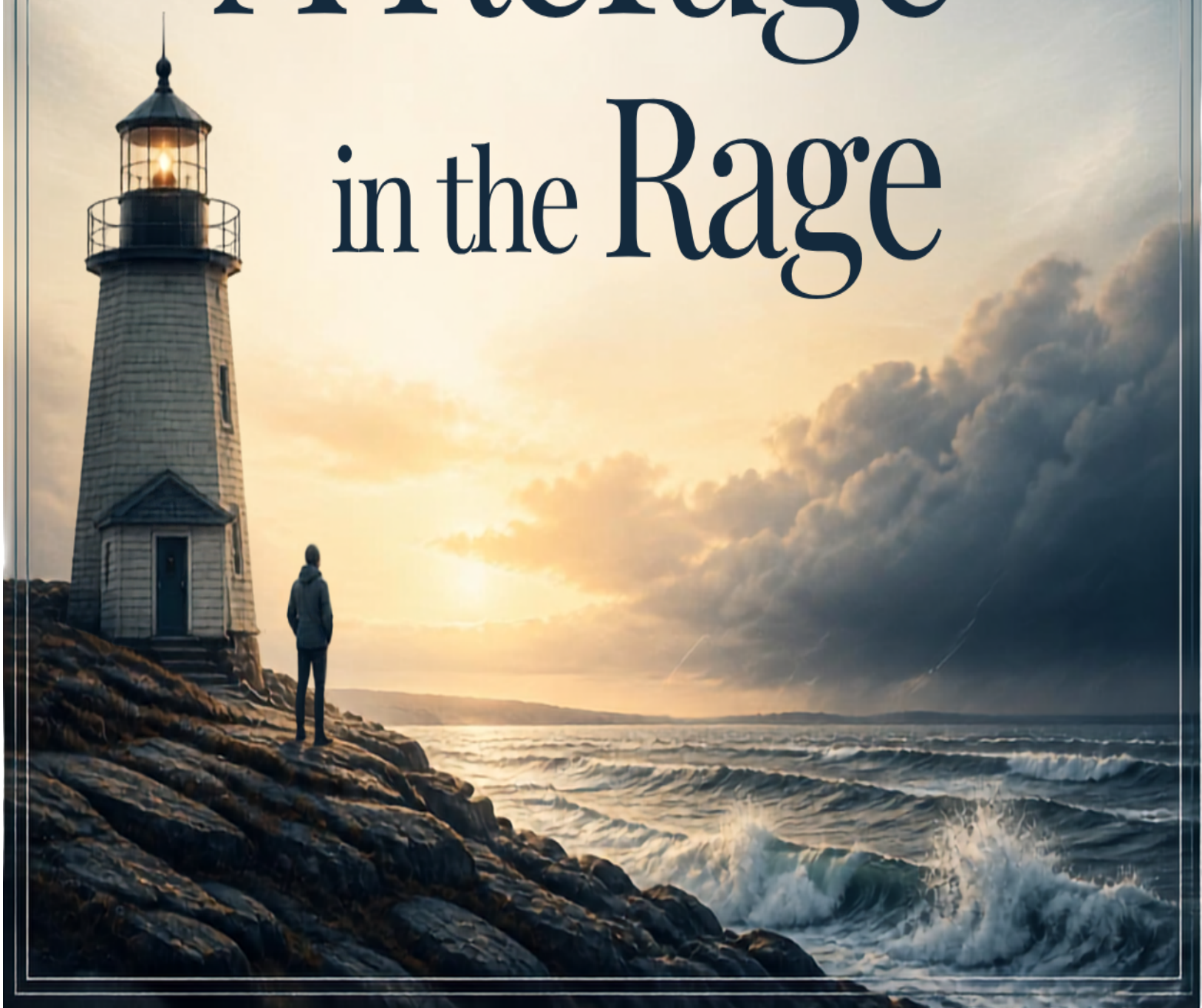


A Refuge in the Rage



Call to Worship:

Look at My Servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one, who pleases me.

I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring justice to the nations.

He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. He will bring justice to all who have been wronged.

He will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth.

God, the LORD, created the heavens and stretched them out. He created the earth and everything in it.

He gives breath to everyone, life to everyone who walks the earth.

I, the LORD, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness.

And you will be a light to guide the nations.

You will open the eyes of the blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons.

**I am the LORD; that is my name! Sing a new song to the LORD!
Sing his praises from the ends of the earth!**

Hymn: #262 Holy Holy Holy

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we are grateful that you do not allow us to be at peace when we stray from you.

Our conscience nags at us. We feel that inward ache that says something is wrong.

Guilt feelings oppress us.

Still, we are experts at pretending that all is fine. So we beg you not to let up.

Keep your hand heavy upon us, pressing us down so we will confess our sins and humbly ask for Your mercy.

Even in our guilt we sense that we are your children, and that you care enough to chastise us. Forgive us, O Lord. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became
Perfect man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin
By His death I live again.

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By Your death I live again

Assurance of Pardon:

Thank you for your forgiveness, though it comes at a great price—

The life and death of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you that you made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us,

That we might be given the righteousness of God in Him. Thank you for the gift freely given to us in Christ.

Hymn: Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Hymn: #493 It Is Well

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Psalms 2:1-12**

Sermon: A Refuge in the Rage

¹ Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,
³ "Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us."

⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in derision.
⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:
⁶ "Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion."

⁷ "I will declare the decree:
The Lord has said to Me,
'You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You
The nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.
⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "

¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,
And you perish in the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Acts 4:27-29

²⁷ “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

Hebrews 1:5

⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say:

“You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You”?

And again:

“I will be to Him a Father,
And He shall be to Me a Son”?

Hebrews 5:5

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him:

“You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.”

Revelation 19:15

¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a [a]sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Hymn: Shout to the Lord

Benediction

Upcoming Announcements

In the Women's Bible Study, we are in the book of 'James, The Relationship Between Faith and Works' by Dr. David Jeremiah. Join us at the Christian Center at 10 am.

1 Peter 5: 6

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,