



## Podcast #26 – *Why do the Heathen Rage?*

### Overview Notes

Here is a printed overview and highlights of the points Mark covers on Podcast #26, through our discussion of the current events. These are my take-a-ways so please feel free to listen to the entire chat on one of our 9 podcast channels. I thought these notes may be helpful as a reference tool for you and serve as another medium of learning. Enjoy and God Bless, Mark & Mike

- ‘Why do the Heathen Rage’ study comes from Acts 4:25 and Psalms 2:1
- What we see today with all the destruction, may be a sign of the end times
- In the book of Acts, rage in the Greek #5433 means *‘too snort like a horse’*
- In the book of Psalms, rage in the Hebrew #7283 means *‘tumultuous or a crowd of insurrection’*
- The heathen gather in groups for their strength, just like when the crowd with mob mentality yelled out to free the known criminal Barabbas and instead to kill Jesus Christ
- The majority of these are weak and don’t confront the “strongman” (or woman)
- Instead they try to find the weak or somebody that is alone by themselves to attack
- The Bible book of Acts provides an example for us today
- We need to ask ourselves, *“what did the apostles do when heathen raged against them or came against them in large groups?”* So, what did the apostles do?
- Here is the answer...they did these 3 things:
  1. they turned to the Lord
  2. they prayed and
  3. then with confidence, preached the truth
- They did these things without looting or hurting others
- We also need to abide by I Timothy 5:8 which is to Provide, Protect and Defend all those in our household (I call this the **PPD** for easy memorizing)



- This is a great topic to keep in mind, so we don't become one like the heathen
- Remember, Christians get their strength from the Lord
- Psalms 2 continues: God laughs at His enemies (*whoa...I'd hate to be one of those...*)
- So remember; you don't have to worry about a group being stronger than you but always be prepared to fight if and when necessary. Yes, train in self-defense
- What are some of the main signs when evil is involved?
- Ephesians Chapter 6, we battle not just against flesh and blood (physical confrontations) but against spiritual wickedness in high places and leaders of darkness in the world
- So, how do they show themselves – what are the tests or criteria to verify evil?
  1. One is evil always has or produces **confusion**
  2. Two is evil always leaves a **bitter** taste, smell or environment
- Confusion can lead people to doing something wrong. i.e. against the Lord and His word
- Stop and Think; are you (they) hurting someone, breaking things or stealing things?
- Everything we do affects other people (*We know you know...but good to review often :)*)
- The Apostles battled with the biggest hammer there is...**the Word of God**
- We have to always stop and ask ourselves, "are you/we proud of what you/we do?"
- A God-believing person sits down at night and thinks about how they can improve for tomorrow. Are you proud of what you did this day?
- If you feel ashamed, then you're probably on the wrong side
- Remember to fill yourself up with the Fruits of the Holy Spirit (7 fruits) and put on the Armor of God (7 pieces) from Ephesians Chapter 6
- The Armor of God Piece #7 is...to **pray for the saints**, so be a Christian prayer warrior
- Easy way to remember these relevant scriptures: Psalms 2 & Acts 4 **(2 -4)**
- So which of our government or society leaders are worthy of following?
- Ask yourself, 'are they publically ashamed of the Lord, the Word of God or prayer?'
- We, Christian Warrior Academy, suggest we NOT follow those who are ashamed. Be aware and mark those for the next election in our country and the world
- To summarize, how did the Apostles create change during times of unrest? (Phil Ch. 4)

**What they did was PRAY and use the NAME of the Lord Jesus Christ**