

# Kiss The Son

Psalm 2:12

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**FOCAL Read Responsively Psalms 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.**

There are man-made laws and God made laws. Man-made laws are sometimes silly. For instance, a woman sued a fast food restaurant a few years ago because her coffee was "too hot", and she burned her lips because of it. Now every time I buy coffee the cup has silly warning lies written on it: "Warning, coffee is hot!". No, it's not hot - it's lukewarm thanks to man-made laws.

God made laws, on the other hand, are never frivolous or silly. God made laws are in place because the God Who made us loves us.

The Law of Gravity keeps your feet firmly on the earth, though our planet spins at a very fast rate. The Law of Gravity tells us that things - and people - fall toward the earth at a certain speed. Ignoring the Law of Gravity can hurt or kill you. God will not suspend His Law just because you foolishly jump off of a high building. When God's Laws of Physics and Aerodynamics are observed man can put an aircraft a mile above the earth. Is the Law of Gravity repealed because these Laws are being observed? Absolutely not! Though the aircraft is a mile above the earth gravity is still at work, keeping the passengers in their seats, the flight attendants on their feet, and the in-flight meals on its plate. If the aircraft engines stop delivering thrust the Law of Aerodynamics and Physics stops being prominent and the Law of Gravity takes over. That's when the plane comes hurtling to the ground.

Just as God's Natural Laws are absolute, so are His Spiritual Laws. God told Adam in the Garden of Eden, "**Do not eat this forbidden fruit or you shall die**" (**Genesis 2:16-17**). This Law from God was just as fixed as is the Law of Gravity. God said, "Don't go there, or else you will fall". Adam went there, violating God's Law, and brought *spiritual* death on himself and his children.

**1 Corinthians 15:22** For as **in Adam all die ...**

**Romans 5:12** Wherefore, **as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

If you step off a high building *flapping your arms* won't help. The Law of Gravity has you, unless another Law becomes prominent. Adam stepped off of the high building of God's righteousness, and the Law he violated sent him - and his children - rushing toward certain destruction. He tried flapping his arms by covering his sin with fig leaves. That didn't work. Adam tried hiding from God, but God still found him in his sin. His works could not modify God's Laws.

Another Law had to save us all. The Bible says that God *has* given us another Law to take the place of the Law of Sin and Death. **Kiss the Son.**

**1 Corinthians 15:22** For **as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Dear friends, **Kiss the Son.** Do not flap your arms. Adam pushed us all off the top of a high tower. **Kiss the Son.** This Law precedes all other Laws, it is the highest Spiritual Law. Come to Jesus. **Kiss the Son.** Believe that He gave Himself for you, or you shall surely perish in the way. Just as the Law of Gravity is preempted by the Law of Aerodynamics, the Law of Death must be preempted by the Law of Life. **In Christ is Life.** Jesus Christ said "**I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly**" (**John 10:10**). Jesus is Life. Here is God's Law to avoid God's wrath. **Kiss the Son.** Come to Jesus. Love Jesus. Realize that Jesus loves you, and respond in kind. **Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way.** Come to Jesus and love Him as both Lord and Savior of your lives while you can. Believe on Him Who died for you, and rose again to ever live with you.

### **1. The Promise**

**FOCAL** Psalms 2:12 **Kiss the Son ...**

I love to preach the Promises of God. I love to preach "**Kiss the Son**", and God loves me to preach this great truth. God has promised that those who **Kiss the Son** shall never see His wrath. What does it mean to "**Kiss the Son**"?

First of all, it *doesn't* refer to just an action of putting your lips on someone. This is more than mere ritual! Judas put his lips on Jesus.

Many a young man has kissed a young woman and it meant little - other than temporary satisfaction - for either. **Kiss the Son** doesn't mean to just give *lip service to Jesus*. Remember that the false apostle **Judas Iscariot** sat at the feet of Jesus for three years, and was even honored to be named Treasurer or Keeper of the Purse in Christ's little Church. **Judas kissed the Son**. He went off on the night that Jesus was taken, and conspired with the Pharisees to deliver the Lord up to death. The Bible tells us:

**Matthew 26:48-49** Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, **Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.** {49} **And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.**

It was Judas who came up with the idea of kissing Jesus so as to mark Him for death. Judas kissed the Son, but his kiss was false. His means of betrayal even shocked the Lord, Who said:

**Luke 22:48 ... Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?**

Judas kissed the Son, but his kiss has no meaning behind it. He tried to make restitution, tried *flapping his arms* by giving back the thirty pieces of silver he took for betraying Jesus, but never went to God and asked forgiveness. Judas' last human work was to hang himself in such a horrible manner that

**Acts 1:18 ... he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.**

Oh, how awful life is for those who pretend to **Kiss the Son**. God Who sees their heart knows that they are false in their profession. Their false kiss may bring temporal reward, but in the end they bring cursing upon themselves.

Secondly, we are told to **Kiss the Son**, *not to kiss the Book of the Law, or the Text of Human Tradition, nor even the Record of Human Achievement.*

The Pharisees were lovers of the Bible, and the Scribes were keepers of the Scripture. These people had a head knowledge of what the Word of God said. They loved the written Word - but despised the Living Word. The Jews loved *traditions* and their *Talmud*, the writings of their famous Rabbis (master teachers of Israel), but when Jesus Christ began to minister among them they hated Him with a passion. Jesus told the Pharisees and Scribes:

**John 8:42-45 ... If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.** {43} **Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.** {44} **Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.** {45} **And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.**

The Pharisees would not **kiss the Son**. They hated Jesus for they **were of the devil**. Those who are born into the Kingdom of God by faith in Christ love Jesus, for their hearts have been changed. This was not the case with the Scribes and Pharisees. They were like the people that King David wrote of, saying:

**Psalms 2:2-3 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 bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.**

They stood against **God's Anointed**, they refused to **Kiss the Son**. What was their reward?

**Psalms 2:4-5 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. {5} Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.**

Oh, how horrible, to stand against God! Jesus told these deceived men:

**Matthew 23:27-28 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. {28} Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.**

The Lord allowed them to wallow in their hypocrisy and

iniquity, until these religious unbelievers died in their sins because they would not **Kiss the Son**.

What does it mean **Kiss the Son**? It means to **draw close to Him Who loves you so**. To look into His eyes, and to see His love. To know that you are a dead thing without Him, and that all life is in Him.

One of the most beautiful examples of **Kiss the Son** is seen in **Luke chapter 7**. A Pharisee invited Jesus to eat with him (**Luke 7:36**), and Jesus, always gracious, went to his house. When Jesus came into the house the Pharisee didn't offer the Lord the slightest courtesy. In those days people generally gave you a bowl of water and a towel to wash your face, hands, and feet. This Pharisee did nothing - not even did he show Jesus to a place at the table. The Bible says that Jesus **sat down to meat**. After Jesus sat down the Bible says that

**Luke 7:37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,**

The words "**a sinner**" means that this woman had been caught in some sort of sexual sin, and for some reason was not stoned as the Law demanded. She was a woman of *questionable past*. This woman never spoke to Jesus. The Bible says that she:

**Luke 7:38 ... stood at {Jesus'} feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and**

**did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.**

Why did she weep? Because she saw Jesus. She came near Him, and knowing who SHE was, knowing who HE was, she wept. **Here is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Here is the Lamb of God that taketh away MY sin.** Jesus was going to the Cross for her - and she wept. As she wept, her tears washed His feet. She wiped His feet with the hair of her head, and **Kissed the Son**, anointing Him with the contents of the Alabaster box. As the beautiful smell of that perfume began to waft through the house Simon the Pharisee began to condemn Jesus because He allowed this *sinner to touch Him*.

Judas Iscariot wanted money (**John 12:6-7**), Simon the Pharisee wanted to be self righteous (**Luke 7:39**), but the Sinner who Kissed the Son wanted to be clean. She wept over her sin, Kissed the Son, and had her sins forgiven.

**Luke 7:48-50** {Jesus} said unto her, **Thy sins are forgiven. {49} And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? {50} And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.**

Here is what it means to **Kiss the Son**. It means to go to Jesus for forgiveness. We are *reconciled to God because of Christ*. Without Christ we are the enemies of God. With Christ we are the Sons of God:

**Romans 5:8-10** But **God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. {9} Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. {10} For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**

Oh Beloved, what this Sinner did to Jesus is set before us as a **memorial forever (Mark 14:9)**. Jesus said:

**Mark 14:9** Verily I say unto you, **Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.**

Here is what it means to **Kiss the Son**. To kiss Him weeping over our sins and shortcomings. To draw near to Him as our only Savior. To give our most prized possession, the **alabaster box**, for His sake. To humble ourselves before Him as Lord and God, Savior and Blessed Only Son of God.

**And whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).**

## **2. The Promise or The Punishment**

**FOCAL** **Psalms 2:12** **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.**

Oh how God would love to save you, but you must **Kiss the Son**. God cries to each and every one of you with an earnest pleading in Christ:

**Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

But you cannot have rest unless you come. You cannot **Kiss the Son** unless you *personally* come to Him. I cannot drag you to Him, nor can I force you to kiss Him. But I must honestly tell you that - if you will not bow the knee and **Kiss the Son** - then **He will be angry and you will perish in the Way**.

**Can Christ get angry? Can God be angered that you have rejected His Son?** Look at the Scripture. We are told:

**Revelation 6:14-17 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. {15} And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; {16} And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: {17} For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**

You may reject Jesus Christ as Savior. You may consider yourselves **kings of the earth** or **great men** or **rich men**

or **mighty men**. You may make excuses as to why you could not Kiss the Son. But there will come a day where those rejectors of Christ shall cry out to **the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the Throne"**. Do they stop here? No, they cry out further and say **"Hide us from the wrath OF THE LAMB"**. Can you imagine? These eyes that looked on you and wept, now look on you in judgment. These hands that once held nails, bleeding for your sins, now point to your unforgiven sins. The feet that were nailed to that shameful tree shall now come to the enemies of God. **The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world** has now become **the wrathful Lamb of God**. You refused God's Law of salvation, now you must have God's Law of retribution. The Day of Judgment is at hand. God the Father told God the Son:

**Psalms 2:7-9 ... Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. {8} Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. {9} Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.**

There was a day of salvation, but you let that day pass. Jesus told you, unbeliever, that:

**John 14:6 ... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

He is the only Way unto God. **Kiss the Son**. You refused to Kiss the Son, so now you **perish in the Way**. Jesus

warned that hell was real, that it was a place

**Mark 9:44** Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

You would not **Kiss the Son**. You were too manly, or too womanly, or too busy, or too young, or too rich, or too selfish, or too worldly, or too poor. You put the second place first, and that which have been first second. What is left to you but hell and eternal burning, without hope, without hope!

Some say that they are saved by faith in Christ, but their lives have never changed. They have spoken the words as Judas Iscariot did, but never believed them in their hearts. **C.H. Spurgeon** wrote:

**"Some of you are this day fitted on the bow of sin. Sin is the string that impels you forward. ... Some of you are whistling onward towards death, despair and hell. Sin is the path to hell and you are traveling it with lightning speed. ... Oh Kiss the Son, I beseech you, for if you kiss Him not, if you receive not His grace and mercy, perish you must. There is no hope for you, desperate, without remedy, your end must be, if you will not yield your pride and submit to Jesus!"**<sup>1</sup>

If you have believed on Jesus Christ - **Kissed the Son** - then you shall never see damnation. His Word is His bond.

**John 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

But if you have sought to avoid God's wrath by any means other than loving and embracing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior then you are far from Heaven and headed toward hell. Oh, how I pray that you never hear those words from my Jesus:

**Matthew 25:41** ... Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

**Kiss the Son lest He be angry, and you perish from among the way.**

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was rejoicing. When you die from this life will you be happy while everyone else is crying? You will be, if you have Kissed the Son.

**FOCAL** Psalms 2:12 ... Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

If you are saved, then you have **Kissed the Son**. You were saved the day that you came to Jesus and called only upon Him. If you are saved then you are to love Jesus each and every day. Sometimes we as believers lose the joy of our salvation because we get our eyes off of the Master. **Kiss the Son**. Stay close to Him. Be as the Apostle John was, and always find yourselves in His inner circle. **Blessed are they that put their trust IN HIM**. Dear Christian - if you are a Christian - apart from

<sup>1</sup> from his sermon *An Earnest Invitation*, July 3, 1859

Jesus you have nothing. Apart from Jesus you cannot be what God wants you to be.

Abide in Christ. **Kiss the Son.** Put your trust IN Him. In Christ there is power. In Christ there is salvation. In Christ there is victory. **You must love Jesus.** If you love Jesus, then dear friend, you are on the winning side.

**FOCAL** Psalms 2:11-12 **Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. {12} Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.**

May God touch your hearts with His Word.



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