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Application

- † We can be reconciled with God and saved from God's wrath by trusting in the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross.
- † Jesus mediates for us with God, allowing us full access to God and ensuring God never turns away from us in anger.
- † Psalms 2 & 110 show us that the crisis in the world today was prophesied to occur while Jesus was absent from the Earth, and is part of God's plan. Thus we should not lose hope!
- † The purpose of this time of delay until Christ comes back is to make disciples of Christ, so our purpose as believers who follow Christ is to obey his command to make disciples: sharing the gospel with non-believers and teaching believers to grow to Christ-likeness. This explains a lot of Jesus' teachings.

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