

From threats to security

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- 'in the wilderness...you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled until you reached this place' Deut 1:31
- 'Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the Lord your God disciplines you.' Deut 8:5

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- and Israel's king as God's son
 - 'I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.' 2 Sam 7:14

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- vv 10-12 the psalmist speaks, calling the nations to submit to God

‘What fear and pride interpret
as bondage [v 3] is in fact
security and bliss.’

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[God]: only *in* him.’

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- ‘...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’

Acts 1:8

“Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant: ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah.’ For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.”

Acts 4:24-28

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