

LIVING LIKE A REBEL

Series: "REBELLION AGAINST THE STATUS QUO", Part 2 of 4

Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Texts: James 4:2b

Big Idea: Wherever God is at work, people are praying.

David Wells says: "Petitionary prayer only flourishes where there is a twofold belief: first, that God's name is hallowed too irregularly, his kingdom has come too little, and his will is done too infrequently; second, that God himself can change this situation. Petitionary prayer, therefore, is the expression of the hope that life as we meet it, on the one hand, can be otherwise and, on the other hand, that it ought to be otherwise. It is therefore impossible to seek to live in God's world on his terms, doing his work in a way that is consistent with who he is, without engaging in regular prayer."^[1]

James 4:2b, "You do not have, because you do not ask God."

Genesis 1:26a, "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image."

Genesis 1:26b, "... and let **them rule over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 1:28a, "God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; **fill the earth and subdue it.**"

Genesis 1:28b, "Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Psalms 8:5-6, "You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet."

Romans 8:22, “We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”

1 John 5:19, “We know that we are children of God, and that **the whole world is under the control of the evil one.**”

2 Corinthians 4:4b, “...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel.” {NASV}

Romans 6:16, “Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?”

Acts 26:18, “to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

Psalms 78:41, “Again and again they put God to the test; they vexed the Holy One of Israel.”

embrimaomai = “to snort in the Spirit”

^[1] David F. Wells, *Prayer: Rebellion against the Status Quo: Are We Angry Enough to Pray?* (Christianity Today, November 2, 1979).