

The Christian in Political Turmoil

Psalm 2 **1** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? **2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, **3** “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” **4** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. **5** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, **6** “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” **7** I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. **8** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. **9** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.” **10** Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. **11** Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

1. Be Wary of Your Earthly Allegiances 1-3

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A. The Nations Oppose God & His Anointed 1-2

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B. The World Worships Human Autonomy 3

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2. Remember God’s Absolute Sovereignty 4-6

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A. God Laughs at the Nations 4

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B. God Terrifies the Peoples 5

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C. God Anoints His King 6

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3. Honor the King of the Nations 7-9

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A. Appointed by the Father 7

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B. Ruler of the World 8-9

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4. Serve the Son with Reverence 10-12

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A. Offer Reverent Service 10-11

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B. Take Refuge in the Son 12

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