

The Victory of God's Anointed King. Psalm 2

I. Introduction: About whom is this Psalm written? v. 2

- A. This is a Psalm of David the anointed King of Israel. Acts 4:25
- B. This is a Psalm about Jesus the Messiah: the Son of David and the Son of God. Acts 4:25-26 13:33 Heb. 1:5 Rev. 12:5 19:15 Dan. 9:25 Jo. 1:41
- C. This is a Psalm which speaks to God's people today

II. Humanity declares its rebellion. v. 1-3 The world at war with the Son of God.

- A. The nations are in an uproar. v. 1 Ps. 46:6 83:2-3 64
- B. The worldly kings have united themselves against the Heavenly King. v. 2 I Sa. 17:16
- C. The peoples of the world do not want the LORD to reign over them. v. 3 Jer. 5:5
- D. How is this rebellion against God expressed?
 - 1. In David's day the Gentile nations surrounding Israel sought to destroy her. I Sa. 17:3-10,41-44
 - 2. When Christ came, diverse peoples united in seeking to destroy Him. Acts 4:25-28
 - 3. Humanity still resists God's authority. John 3:19 15:18-19

III. The LORD declares His supremacy. v. 4-6. He alone is sovereign.

- A. The Ruler of Heaven mocks the world's mighty men – Divine derision. v. 4 Ps. 37:13 59:8 22:7 113:4ff Job 39:18,22 40:20 41:5,29 Isa. 40:12ff 66:1ff 18:4 40:15
- B. His powerful Word thunders forth. v. 5 Ps. 22:8-9 69:24 Isa. 13:9,13 10:33
 - 1. David boldly spoke God's Word to Goliath. 1 Sa. 17:5-7,45-47
 - 2. They will fall down in terror when Jesus returns. Rev. 6:15-17
- C. The Lord has installed His King to judge the earth. v. 6 Ps. 48:1-2 Acts 13:33 Heb. 1:5 5:5 II Sa. 7:13ff
 - 1. God's anointed King reigns over the earth. Luke 2:34-35
 - 2. He is appointed to judge the rebels who commit treason against the Lord God.
 - 3. Those who submit to this King submit to the LORD. Those who resist, fight God.
 - 4. This applies to David, to Christ, and to us. Gen. 12:3 1 Sa. 16:12-13 II Sa. 7:5-17 Rev. 1:6 5:10
- D. Our God reigns!
 - 1. The Lord still confounds the wise and arrogant. I Cor. 1:20 Col. 2:15 Rev. 11:18
 - 2. Even when it seems that the world is in a tumult, God is in control! Eph. 1:11

IV. The Son speaks of His mission to rule the world. v. 7-9

- A. The Father decrees the Sonship of His Anointed. v. 7 Gen. 49:10 II Sa. 7:5-17
 - 1. The LORD made a covenant with David that his heir would reign forever.
 - 2. Jesus Christ is the Son of David and the Son of God. Isa. 42:1 Mt. 3:17 17:5 John 1:14 Heb. 1:5 II Pe. 1:17
 - 3. What is the meaning of "Today I have begotten You"? Acts 13:33 John 1:14,1
 - 4. Jesus' Sonship is fully declared through His resurrection. Acts 13:33-34 Ro. 1:4 Mt. 28:28ff
 - 5. Through Christ, we are adopted sons of God. Rom. 8:15 Eph. 1:5

B. The Father has given the nations of the earth to the Son as His own. v. 8 2 Sa. 7:10,11

1. David was given Canaan/Israel.
2. David's greater Son reigns over all the nations. v. 1 Psalm 72:19 8:4-6 John 3:16 Phil. 2:9-11 I Cor. 15:25 Heb. 2:8 Zech. 14:9 Rom. 4:13 Mt. 28:18
3. His people share in His inheritance. Gen. 12:1f Rom. 4:14 I John 5:5

C. The Son utterly will break all the rebels. v. 9 Rev. 2:26-27 12:5 19:11-16

- 1 Sam. 17:50-51 Ps. 89:23 110:2,5-6 Col. 2:15 Mt. 12:29
1. The favor God shows His Son arouses the enmity of the nations.
2. David was appointed to defeat the nations who opposed God's kingdom.
3. God's Son will utterly destroy those who oppose His reign. v. 1-3 Mt. 3:10
4. Even today the Son's reign is being extended, through us, to all the nations of the earth. Matt. 28:18-20 Acts 1:8 II Co. 10:4
5. Jesus will return to crush those who oppose Him. Dan. 2:44-45,34-35 II Th. 1:6f Rev. 19:11-16

V. The Psalmist offers the nations (and you) some friendly advice: Kiss the Son. v. 10-12

A. This is a gospel psalm!

1. What would you expect a holy God to do to these rebels?
2. Instead of immediately destroying the traitors, He offers grace & mercy to all who will repent and believe.

B. Come to your senses and heed my gracious warning. v. 10 Isa. 1:18 Ezek. 33:11

C. Worship (serve) the LORD with reverent joy. v. 11 Ps. 72:11 100:2 102:72

1. Fear God. Ex. 20:5 Mt. 22:37
2. This Son has met the demands of Divine justice on the cross. 2 Cor. 5:21 1 Pet. 3:18 Gal. 3:13 Heb. 7:25
3. Rejoice with trembling. Ps. 32:11 51:8 I Chron. 16:31

D. Do homage to the Son or else you will perish. v. 12a Rev. 6:15-17 I Jo. 2:28 Jo. 3:36

1. You cannot be rightly related to the Father unless you embrace the Son. Jo. 14:6
2. His wrath is not to be trifled with. John 5:22
3. Submit before it is too late. Isa. 55:6-7 Phil. 2:9-11 I Sam. 17:48-51

E. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him. v. 12b Ps. 5:11 Deut. 32:37 Heb. 2:14-15

VI. Conclusion. Heb. 12:28-29

Discussion questions

1. About whom is Psalm 2 written?
2. How is the human rebellion described in verses 1-3 expressed?
3. Why does God laugh and scoff?
4. What is His answer to the uproar among the nations?
5. What is the mission of the Son? v. 7-9
6. What counsel does the Psalmist offer? v. 10-12
7. Is it possible for someone to honor God while rejecting His Son?
8. How can this Psalm bring comfort to believers who are disturbed by evil in the world?
9. How can this Psalm help believers who are being persecuted?