

THRIVING



IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

Psalm 2

The Reign of the LORD's Anointed.

Why are the nations restless

And the peoples plotting in vain?

² The kings of the earth take their stand

And the rulers conspire together

Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*,

³ "Let's tear their shackles apart

And throw their ropes away from us!"

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs,

The Lord scoffs at them.

⁵ Then He will speak to them in His anger

And terrify them in His fury, *saying*,

⁶ "But as for Me, I have installed My King

Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

⁷ "I will announce the decree of the LORD:

He said to Me, 'You are My Son,

Today I have fathered You.

⁸ Ask *it* of Me, and I will certainly give the nations as Your inheritance,

And the ends of the earth as Your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron,

You shall shatter them like earthenware."

¹⁰ Now then, you kings, use insight;

Let yourselves be instructed, you judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with reverence

And rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son, that He not be angry and you perish *on* the way,

For His wrath may be kindled quickly.

How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about ourselves?
3. How do you think we are supposed to respond to this passage?
4. What are you excited to share with others?

“This week, we shift our attention to Christmas and the birth of our Savior. In Psalm 2, we read of a King who would come and rule unlike any other. Jesus is that King. He came to earth as the Son of God to conquer sin and death. His death, burial and resurrection validated His right to the eternal throne. And while we see failure and corruption in human governments around the World, this righteous King has no limitations or inadequacies. We need this kind of King in our lives, and He came. So, let us remember to serve Him with reverential awe as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, for all who take refuge in Him are happy.” — Pastor Pete

“Each day the media highlights new things to fear. The “powers that be” in society tell us that obedience to God shackles us, limiting our freedom. In reality, liberation comes only through serving the one who created us. Those people and forces that appear to rule the world are all under his Lordship, and one day they will know it. God still reigns, and we can take refuge in him from all our fears.”— Timothy Keller