

Home Group Helps

Psalm 2

Christmas in the Psalms: The Royal Son of God

I. Raging Nations (v.1-3)

- 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."

II. The Lord's Response (v.4-6)

- 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."

III. The Royal Son (v.7-9)

- 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."

IV. The Required Response (v.10-12)

- 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. Launching Question(s):

- How has the book of the Psalms been a joy/comfort to you in your Christian life? How have you learned about Jesus Christ from reading the Psalms?

2. Observation Question(s):

- David begins this Psalm by asking God an honest question about the state of the world. Have you ever been in a similar situation? Explain.
- According to David, how are these nations showing opposition to the Lord?

- What is significant about the Lord's response to this "raging" of the nations?
- What are the attributes of the king David is describing?

3. Interpretation Question(s):

- In what ways is David writing this Psalm about himself? How, in a greater sense, is he writing about a King yet to come?
- What is the significance of the phrase, "You are my Son"? See Matt. 3:13-17; Matt. 17:1-8; & Heb. 1:5.
- What is the meaning of the phrase, "Today I have begotten you"?
- Why is it important that the Messiah would both inherit the earth and be its Judge?

4. Reflection Question(s):

- Is this "raging" only something unbelievers do? Why or why not?
- Why did Jesus come first in humility and weakness rather than in glory and power?
- Recall the story of Herod and the Magi's responses to Christ in Matthew chapter 2. How do they exemplify the responses to Christ in verses 10-12?

5. Application Question(s):

- What does it look like to "take refuge in [Christ]?"

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