

The Psalm of the King

- 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.

Sermon Outline:

Psalm 2 is God-breathed scripture that finds its fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ. It can be summed up in two words: **Jesus reigns**.

I. **Rebellion of Sin (1-3):** We live in a world in rebellion against God.

II. **Response of the Sovereign (4-6):** Two-fold response of God.

- A. Sits on the throne in Heaven
- B. Laughs (Psalm 37:12-13)

III. **Requirements of Surrender:** He who serves himself has a fool for a master.

Discussion Questions

1. H.B. Charles noted that “the kings of the earth” in the psalm mention “bonds” and “chords,” meaning they view surrender to God in that light. How might we sometimes view surrender to God in this way?
2. H.B. Charles also noted that we live in a world in rebellion against God. How might we sometimes rebel against God’s reign in the world or in our lives?
3. How does this psalm show us that rebellion against God is futile?
4. Why is it a good thing that we can not overcome God’s reign?
5. How does God’s reign in the Earth give us comfort when we see evil at work?
6. How does God’s reign in the Earth and our knowledge of His goodness give us comfort when we experience personal suffering?
7. In what areas of our lives might we need to surrender to God’s reign to experience the full comfort and goodness of His reign as the only true king?