

Psalm 2:1-12

The Reign of God's King

I. Introduction: This Psalm is a royal song describing the coronation of God's King, who will sit on His throne, and the blessedness of everyone who trusts in Him.

II. The Reign of God's King (Psa 2:1-12).

A. Mankind's Insurrection (**vv. 1-3**).

1. David looks on in amazement at the rebellion of the world, which has come against God to fight with Him and free itself from His moral restraints.

B. God's Indignation (**vv. 4-6**).

1. God sits on His throne and laughs at man's futile attempts to defeat Him, but He installs His messiah in Jerusalem to rule over the Earth.

C. Messiah's Installation (**vv. 7-9**).

1. The Lord's anointed One says that God will give Him an inheritance from every nation, which He will rule over with absolute authority.

D. Humanity's Invitation (**vv. 10-12**).

1. David invites the whole Earth to put their trust in God's anointed One so that they will not perish but will find refuge in Him.

III. Conclusion: David calls the nations to submit themselves to God's Messiah so that they may experience blessedness rather than face His judgment.

Study Questions: The Reign of God's King

1. Why is there so much trouble in the world? What did Jesus say about trouble? (**Matt 16:33**) Does the news make you nervous? Why should Christians not be worried?
2. Who wrote Psalm 2? (**Acts 4:25**) Why do some think it was initially combined with Psalm 1? (**Acts 13:33**) Why was it sung during the coronation of Israel's kings? (**2 Sam 7:8-16**)
3. What does the psalmist say the nations are doing? (**Psa 2:1-3**) Why is it a vain thing? (**v. 1**) Why do they gather against God and His Messiah? (**v. 2**) What do they attempt to do? (**v. 3**)
4. What is God's response to the turmoil of the nations? (**Psa 2:4-6**) Why does God laugh? (**v. 4**) How does His laughter turn into anger? (**v. 5**) What does God ultimately do? (**v. 6**)
5. Who is the third speaker in this Psalm? (**Psa 2:7-9**) What does He say that God has decreed? (**v. 7**) What does God give to His Son? (**v. 8**) What is the scope of His power? (**v. 8**)
6. What does the author call people to do? (**Psa 2:10-12**) How does the psalmist warn the kings of the Earth? (**v. 10**) Are you paying attention to God? Would you allow Him to correct you?
7. Why does the psalmist call people to serve God? (**Psa 2:10-12**) How are we to submit and serve His Messiah? (**v. 11**) What does it mean to rejoice with trembling? (**v. 11**)
8. What does it mean to kiss the Son? (**Psa 2:10-12**) How would servants kiss a king as a sign of submission? What happens to those who refuse to pay homage to him? (**v. 12**)

Prayer

1. Ask God to help calm your fears with the comfort of His sovereign authority.
2. Pray that you might offer terms of peace to those who are enemies of King Jesus.