

Sermon Title: Psalms: From the Heart, Part II 9.14.2025

Themes: The Lord is your Savior and shield. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at trinitycg.org.

Weekly Question: What is *your* rescue story?

Sermon Points: 1. Your Savior. Acts 4:25 identifies Psalm 2 as being written by David. **Acts 4:23–26**
²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed.’”

Psalm 2 is a messianic psalm. It is God the Son of whom the psalmist speaks. Commenting on the willful rebellion against God, David asks, “Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?” Satan, the great troubler of this world, blinds the eyes of man, who refuse to believe in the Messiah. Hardened by their lack of faith and hope, these rebels seek to usurp God’s authority by casting off His righteous commandments and mocking all that is good and holy.

Psalm 2 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.” 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.

God the Father has decreed that God the Son will take His rightful place as Lord of all. The Messiah will judge the earth; He will be given the nations as a heritage and all the earth as His possession (verse 8). We will see this fulfilled at Christ’s second coming. David concludes Psalm 2 with a solemn warning. Those who are wise will abandon their evil plans and repent. They will “kiss the Son” (verse 12). Jesus stands ready to forgive all who accept Him as Lord and Savior. Those who refuse His tender mercy will face the white-hot fury of His judgment. Only the Lord is your shield today and Savior forever.

2. Your Shield. God sees our distress. He hears our cries. **Psalm 3. A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.** ¹ O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; ² many are saying of my soul, “There is no salvation for him in God.” *Selah* ³ But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. ⁴ I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill. *Selah* ⁵ I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me. ⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. ⁷ Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked. ⁸ Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people! *Selah*

What were the kinds of distresses that David faced? One was the rebellion of his beloved son, Absalom! **2 Samuel 15:1–16**. No matter what you face, the Lord is your Savior forever and your shield today.

Invitation: Lord, help me to rest in You as my Savior forever and as my shield today.