

Scripture
Psalm 2

Summary

Psalm 2 is a royal psalm that addresses the attempts of Israel's enemies to rage against God's rule through His king. It speaks to those who fear that God's rule in the earth will be thwarted as well as to those who themselves would try to rid themselves of God's authority. These nations with their leaders plot and scheme as to how they might free themselves from the rule of God's king. God responds initially with a sense of disbelief, followed by righteous anger. This righteous anger is enough to terrify his enemies. He speaks, declaring that He has already

established His son upon his throne. This anointed king is declared to be God's son, and he is the heir of all nations who will both rule them as well as destroy rebellious ones. Therefore, the Psalm ends with advice for these rulers who would cast off God's authority, which is to take refuge in the king. How do we take refuge in this king? By drawing near to Him in reverent, worshipful submission. This king is Jesus, the one whose name God has exalted above all names and to whom every knee will bow.

Sermon in a sentence

Though nations rage against God his rule through His son is firmly establish, hence we should take our refuge in Him, by submitting to Him and serving Him with reverence.

Main Points

- I. Resisting God's authority in order to have 'freedom' (verse 1-3)
- II. The certainty of God's rule for blessing (verse 4-6)
- III. Two ways to relate to the king (verse 7-9)
- IV. Your 'blessed' life now (verse 10-12)

Other Scriptures:

Psalm 7:11-16; Acts 4:23-31; Hebrews 1:1-5; Revelation 5:6-10; Matthew 3:13-17; Isaiah 42:1-6

Questions

1. Are you more prone to discouragement at how Christianity is portrayed in the media or to doubt in the goodness of God's rule?
2. What do the nations do, and what is their ultimate aim? (verses 1-3) Why are they doing this?
3. What three things does God do in response, and what do each of these three things tell us about God? (verses 4-6)
4. What wisdom is offered to all those who have ears to hear?
5. How do we take refuge in Christ?
6. How is the concept of blessing in the scripture different from the worldly concept of blessing?

Think On This

Christians live by faith trusting in the goodness and rule of God even in the midst of great opposition and difficulties, because we serve a God who has conquered the greatest of difficulties (death on a cross) for us, demonstrating His love for us.

RHC Core Values

Gospel-Centredness – To have the gospel in the centre of our ministry, and for everything we do to find its root in the gospel.

Experiential Faith – To actively seek the modern day work of the Holy Spirit, expecting him to move in our midst in signs and wonders, and to lead us to the will of God.

Theological Depth – To pursue a deep and soul satisfying knowledge and understanding of God through the Bible.

Community on Mission – To recognise that we are not here for ourselves, but are on a mission to bring the gospel to the world.

City Renewal – To see the gospel change every aspect of the city we are living in by doing social justice, integrating our faith and work, and seeing the city renewed culturally, socially and spiritually for the glory of God.