

PSALM 2

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 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 (Psalm 2).

1. How would you answer the question in verse one? Why are people so opposed to God? Share a story of a time when you experienced or witnessed the kind of opposition to God talked about in this Psalm.
2. At first sight, verses 4-6 make the Lord seem prideful. Is that really what is going on here? Why does the Lord laugh and say what he says?
3. What are you doing to serve the LORD with fear, and rejoicing with trembling?
4. Verses 1-3 are quoted in Acts 4:23-31. How are the believers there using this Psalm in their situation? What does their prayer bring about?