



# The World's King

## Kicking It Off:

Other than Jesus or faith, what is a tradition or legacy that you'd like to pass on to your kids or the next generation?

## Read:

Psalm 2

## Summary

Psalm 2 contrasts the ideal of a righteous ruler with the reality of rebellion against divine authority. This psalm reflects a deep-seated rebellion in humanity against God's appointed king, paralleling the broader rebellion against God seen throughout the scriptures. Rooted in 2 Samuel 7, where God promises David an everlasting kingdom through his lineage, Psalm 2 underscores the certainty of this promise despite widespread opposition. The psalm reveals that even though humanity may plot against God's authority, such efforts are futile as God reaffirms His sovereign plan through His anointed king.

The psalm divides into four sections: the rebellion of the nations (verses 1-3), God's unyielding response (verses 4-6), the divine promise of sonship and power (verses 7-9), and the call to reverent submission (verses 10-12). It portrays a world in disorder, where human resistance to divine rule is met with God's firm, unchanging declaration of His sovereign plan. The psalmist emphasizes that despite human defiance, God's kingship is absolute and unshakable. The promise of an eternal king, fulfilled in Jesus Christ, stands as the central theme, contrasting human rebellion with divine authority.

In applying Psalm 2, the message is clear: God's kingdom, established through Jesus, is assured and transcends all earthly legacies. While individuals may strive to leave a lasting impact through various means—be it

financial, intellectual, or social—the ultimate legacy of enduring significance is a life aligned with Christ. The psalm not only reassures believers of the certainty of God's plan but also calls for submission and reverence toward Jesus, acknowledging Him as the rightful and eternal King. The comfort and hope found in this divine sovereignty provide a foundation for trusting in Jesus surrounded by the world's opposition.

## Discussion Questions

1. Rebellion and Sovereignty: Psalm 2 portrays the rebellion of nations against God's anointed king. **How do you see this theme of rebellion manifesting in our world today, and what are some practical ways we can respond to or address this opposition in our daily lives?**
2. Legacy and Influence: Reflecting on the idea that our ultimate legacy should be a life aligned with Christ more than personal achievements, **how can we practically ensure that our actions and decisions are focused on reflecting Christ's values and making His impact central in our lives and the lives of those around us?**
3. Divine Assurance: The psalm emphasizes that God's kingdom is unshakable and His plan is certain. **How does this assurance of God's sovereignty affect your personal faith and outlook, especially in times of uncertainty or difficulty? Can you share a personal experience where this assurance provided you with comfort or hope?**
4. Submission and Reverence: Verses 10-12 call for a reverent submission to God's Son. **What does it mean to serve or submit to Christ in a practical sense, and how can we encourage each other to cultivate a deeper sense of reverence and obedience in our relationship with Him?**
5. Fulfillment in Jesus: Psalm 2 is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, highlighting His eternal kingship. **How does understanding Jesus as the fulfillment of this psalm impact your view of His role in your life and in the world? What are some ways we can help others see the significance of Jesus' kingship and His promises in their own lives?**

## Sermon Notes

### ***Psalm 2 - The Reign of the LORD's Anointed***

*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.*

# Outline

1. Intro
  - a. What is a tradition you want to pass on to the next generation?
  - b. Family memories sharing time together
  - c. Memories shape our legacy (aka our mark on society)
    - i. Examples of common legacies: money, land, property, charities, family traditions, scholarship funds, mentorship, careers
    - ii. It was important to us, so we want it to be important to others
2. Passage
  - a. Psalm 2 is rooted in 2 Samuel 7 "God's Promise to David"
    - i. Verses 12-16 - God will establish David's offspring's kingdom (Jesus' eternal Kingdom)
      1. God promised David a supreme name.
      2. God promised sonship to the Lord.
      3. God promised David's line of succession would last forever..
    - ii. Who's iniquity in 2 Samuel 7:14? Ours, per Isaiah 53:4-6
  - b. Context
    - i. Psalm 1 - Creation and the perfect man
    - ii. Psalm 2 - Man's rebellion
  - c. Summary of Psalm 2
    - i. The people are rebellious toward their king.
    - ii. God doesn't negotiate with rebels; rebelling is ridiculous to God; rather He reaffirms His royal plan in Jesus.
    - iii. God affirms a relationship of Sonship, a promise of inheritance, and the giving of power.
    - iv. Service to the Lord means submission to His Son.
3. Application
  - a. Psalm 2 is analogous to a Symphony/Orchestra
    - i. Tuning - everyone playing their own notes at their own timing..
    - ii. The Conductor - directs the orchestra.
    - iii. A Beautiful Song - the result of serving the conductor rather than rebelling and playing the notes the orchestra wants to play.
  - b. Historically, the Davidic king was always under threat from the surrounding world; this reflects the world's rebellion against God.
  - c. Prophetically the psalm speaks of the rejection of Jesus.
  - d. Our greatest legacy we can leave the next generation is a specific Jesus - the Jesus of the Bible.
    - i. Jesus was born of a virgin.
    - ii. Jesus died for our sins.

- iii. Jesus rose from the dead.
- iv. Jesus is the Son of God.
- v. \*Jesus is eternal, while all the other legacies we strive for are temporary.

## Notes

Psalm 2 sheds light on God's sovereignty and human rebellion. This psalm contrasts the perfect man depicted in Psalm 1 with the rebellious nature of mankind against God's appointed ruler. The central message of Psalm 2 is anchored in the promise made to King David, as described in 2 Samuel 7. This promise assures that David's lineage would produce an eternal kingdom, which the psalm identifies as being ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The passage reveals not only the futility of human resistance against God's will but also underscores the certainty of God's sovereign plan, which remains unaltered despite human opposition.

The psalm can be divided into four distinct sections, each highlighting a different aspect of the interaction between humanity and divine authority. The first section (verses 1-3) describes the rebellious stance of nations and people against God's anointed king. This imagery reflects a world united in its opposition to divine rule, where "bonds" and "cords" symbolize the constraints imposed by God's laws, which the rebellious seek to escape. The second section (verses 4-6) provides a divine response to this rebellion. Rather than engaging in negotiation or adjusting His plans to accommodate human defiance, God remains steadfast and reaffirms His royal decree. This demonstrates God's unyielding sovereignty and the futility of human efforts to undermine His authority.

In verses 7-9, the psalmist speaks of a special relationship between God and His anointed king, described as a "sonship" and a promise of inheritance and power. This section emphasizes the contrast between the rebellious nations and the obedient Son, who lives in complete dependence on the Father. The fulfillment of this promise in Jesus Christ is significant, as the New Testament references (such as Acts 13:33 and Hebrews 1:5) affirm that Jesus is the ultimate heir to this divine promise. The psalmist underscores the

distinction between earthly rulers who resist God and the Son who embodies complete obedience and reliance on the Father.

The final section (verses 10-12) shifts focus to a call for reverent submission and service to the Lord. The term "serve" is associated with "kissing the feet," symbolizing deep respect and submission. This imagery contrasts sharply with the rebellious attitude described earlier, highlighting that genuine service to God involves acknowledging and submitting to His Son. The psalm warns against the rejection of this submission, emphasizing that there is no refuge from God's authority except in Him. The concluding verses stress the importance of both fearing and rejoicing in the Lord, recognizing that true safety and blessing are found in allegiance to Christ.

Psalm 2 provides a compelling vision of God's unassailable kingship and the fulfillment of His promises through Jesus Christ. It reassures believers of the certainty of God's plan and the ultimate victory of His kingdom, despite the present opposition and rebellion in the world. This psalm challenges us to reflect on our personal legacy and how it aligns with Christ's teachings, encouraging us to live in a way that honors His sovereign rule. As we navigate our lives, the assurance of Christ's eternal kingship should inspire confidence and reverence, guiding us to leave a legacy that reflects His enduring impact rather than mere temporary achievements.