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*Psalms for every season of the soul*

Makoto Fujimura



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## Psalm 2

**“If you are thinking only of yourself as you read these Psalms you will never see what the book is really taking up, but once you understand something of God’s prophetic counsel, once you enter into His purpose in Christ Jesus for the people of Israel and the Gentile nations, you will realize how marvelously this book fits in with the divine program.”**

**H.A. Ironside**



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*“Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.”*

**C.S. Lewis**



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*“Sin is not just breaking the rules;  
it’s making yourself the ruler.”*

Tim Keller

- **Personally:** We resist God's commands when they feel inconvenient.
- **Culturally:** We celebrate autonomy and self-definition.
- **Politically:** We pass laws as if God doesn't exist.



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#### **Action:**

Take one area this week where you're resisting God, and pray:

*“Father, help me trust that your rule is good—even when it's hard.”*



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God's wrath is not opposed to His love—it's the expression of His love against that which destroys.

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## APPLICATION

- When the world feels chaotic—politically, culturally, personally—God’s calm should be our confidence.
- Are you frantic in your soul? What God has decreed, no one can derail.
- Instead of panic, let your heart rest in this truth: The King is already installed.

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**The King’s identity, authority, and mission, contrasting the rebellion of the nations (vv. 1–3) with God’s sovereign plan.**

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***“We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers 33 he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: ‘You are my Son; today I have become your Father.’”***

**Acts 13:32-33**

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*God’s plan is not to destroy the nations but to redeem them through Christ’s rule.*

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*The King will break rebels like pottery—but He was broken on the cross to bring rebels home.*

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**Spend 10–15 minutes this week meditating on Psalm 2:7–9 through a gospel lens. Read it alongside John 17, where Jesus prays for His people and the world. Write down one way you can live under His kingship—Praying for a nation or people group, surrendering a personal ambition, or trusting His authority in a specific situation. Let the truth that Jesus is the exalted Son shape your heart and actions.**

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