

Summer in the Psalms

The songs that Jesus sang

A Great and Terrible King - Psalm 2 August 21, 2022 | Pete Greasley

Psalm 2 gives us a vision of all of history.

And a towering vision of Jesus.

Listen in as Pete Greasley continues our series through the songs that Jesus sang.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Psalm 1 and 2 give an overview of all history. What are the various moments described in these psalms?
- "The first duty of every soul is to find not its freedom but its Master." What do you make of this quote from PT Forsyth? According to Psalm 2, what is the wise choice? What is the result of choosing unwisely?
- Are you familiar with the Nicene Creed? Pete quoted it in describing the Jesus of Psalm 2. There's a place for these ancient confessions. For centuries the church have used them as guard-rails that protect us from wandering away from the true faith. Take a look at whole Creed and use it as a provocation for worship. In light of Psalm 2, pay particular attention to the section regarding Jesus the Son:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.