

# God's Kingdom Over Mine

## Psalm 2

Psalm 2 teaches that the wise person is the person whose heart (will) and affections and mind are shaped by a reverence for and a holy delight in the reign of God's Son.

"Now therefore, O kings, **be wise**; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling." Psalm 2:10,11

**Wisdom is learning to live a life of daily deliberate surrender to the Lord.**

"There is no refuge from Him, only refuge in Him." Derek Kidner

### I. Our Primary Battle: The Sin of the Sovereign Self (Psalm 2:1-3)

"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.'" Psalm 2:1-3

- Adam and Eve: We Can Be Like God.

"But the serpent said to the woman, 'You shall not surely die. For God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'" Genesis 3:4

- Tower of Babel: We Can Make A Name for Ourselves.

"Then they said, 'Come let us build for ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, let we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.'" Genesis 11:4

**Sin creates a rebellion in our hearts so that we do not want to bow the knee to the sovereign rightful rule of God. We want our rule our own lives and govern our own little kingdoms and live for our glory.**

- The Crucifixion of Jesus:

"And when they heard it, they lifted their voices to God and said, 'Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, and by the Holy Spirit, 'Why did the nations rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and his Anointed', for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and plan had predestined to take place.'" Acts 4:24-29

Example of sin of sovereign self:

“The United States Supreme Court’s 1992 opinion in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which upheld the right to abortion, articulates the creed of the Sovereign Self: ‘At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.’” John F. Hanna

Why do the nation’s rage? Why do I rage? Because we want to be sovereign. We want to control our lives and ultimately, God won’t cooperate with our little kingdom ambitions.

## **2. The Heavenly Bellow: The Wrath in God’s Laugh. (Psalm 2:4-6)**

“He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then the Lord 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.’”

Psalm 2:4-6

“It’s easy to conflate anger with passion...To right a wrong without committing one requires passion. The difference between anger and passion is crucial to staying sane in an angry world. Anger prepares us to fight, punish, tear down, destroy. Passion prepares us to build, create, improve, appreciate.” Dr. Stephen Stosny, *Psychology Today*

One of the ways to have our unrighteous anger over control corrected is to hear the awesome and awful laugh of God against the raging of the nations (and ours)!

- It is a derisive laugh:

“He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.” (Psalm 2:4)

- It is a wrathful laugh:

“Then HE will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury...” (Psalm 2:5)

- It is a revelatory laugh:

"saying, ‘As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.’”

Wisdom feels the weight of God’s righteous fury against the pride of human self-sovereignty.

And it repents.

## **3. God’s Unshakeable Covenant: God Has Decreed That the Kingdoms of Heaven and Earth Belong to His Son. (Psalm 2:7-9)**

“I will tell you 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.” Psalm 2:7-9

Here’s good news! You don’t have to control your world. Your world is in competent and gracious hands. The hands of King Jesus!

Decreed and Delivered: God has decreed that His Son will be King over all creation for all eternity. God delivered on that promise in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

Humble yourself: We don’t have the right to live as we please. We belong to the One who created us, the One who sustains us, and the only One who can save and forgive us.

God has decreed that there will be no usurpers to Christ’s throne!

#### **4. Wonderful Words of Warning: There is only One place to take Refuge. It is in the Sovereign Son, King Jesus. (Psalm 2:10-12)**

“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 become angry and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.” Psalm 2:10-12

To quote Derek Kidner again: ***“There is no refuge from Him, only refuge in Him.”***

And Ligon Duncan: ***“There are only two options: worship the Lord and do homage to his Son, Jesus, or perish in his wrath.”***

Today: Confess and Repent.

Replace anger with deep, deep reverence for Christ. More than worrying about who offends us... let’s be more concerned about me offending a good and gracious Savior.

“Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.”