

A pass through
The Psalms

Week 2: Psalm 2



God's Word is Correct!

A text like this should be a real encouragement to us and a real "prover" of God's word as true!

[As this passage was written just around 1,000 years before the Son of God walked the earth.]

Psalm 2

In four stanzas of three verses each,

David paints a picture of an
aggressive and furious,

(though ultimately futile)

**hostile battle between men and
God and His anointed.**

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The Psalm narrates God's

- (1) Determination to carry out His purpose,** that purpose stated more specifically by His Son,
- (2) The establishment of the redemptive kingdom,** and the **(3) Imminent danger of all who resist,** as well as the **(4) Blessing of joy for all who welcome this mighty, triumphant king.**

Psalm 2 (ESV)

¹ Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?



Psalm 2 (NLT)

² The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the LORD and against his anointed one.



Psalm 2 (NIV)

³ ‘Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles.’



Psalm 2 (NLT)

³ “Let us break their chains,” they cry,
“and free ourselves from slavery to God.”



Mankind has been at war with
God since the very beginning...

*¹¹ No one is truly wise;
no one is seeking God.*

*¹² **All have turned away;**
all have become useless. No one does
good. ²³ **All have sinned** and fall short of
the glory of God...*

(Rom 3:11-12, 23)

There has been a general revolt
of all mankind since the fall...

⁵ *The LORD observed **the extent of human wickedness on the earth**, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. ⁶ So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them... (Genesis 6:5-6)*

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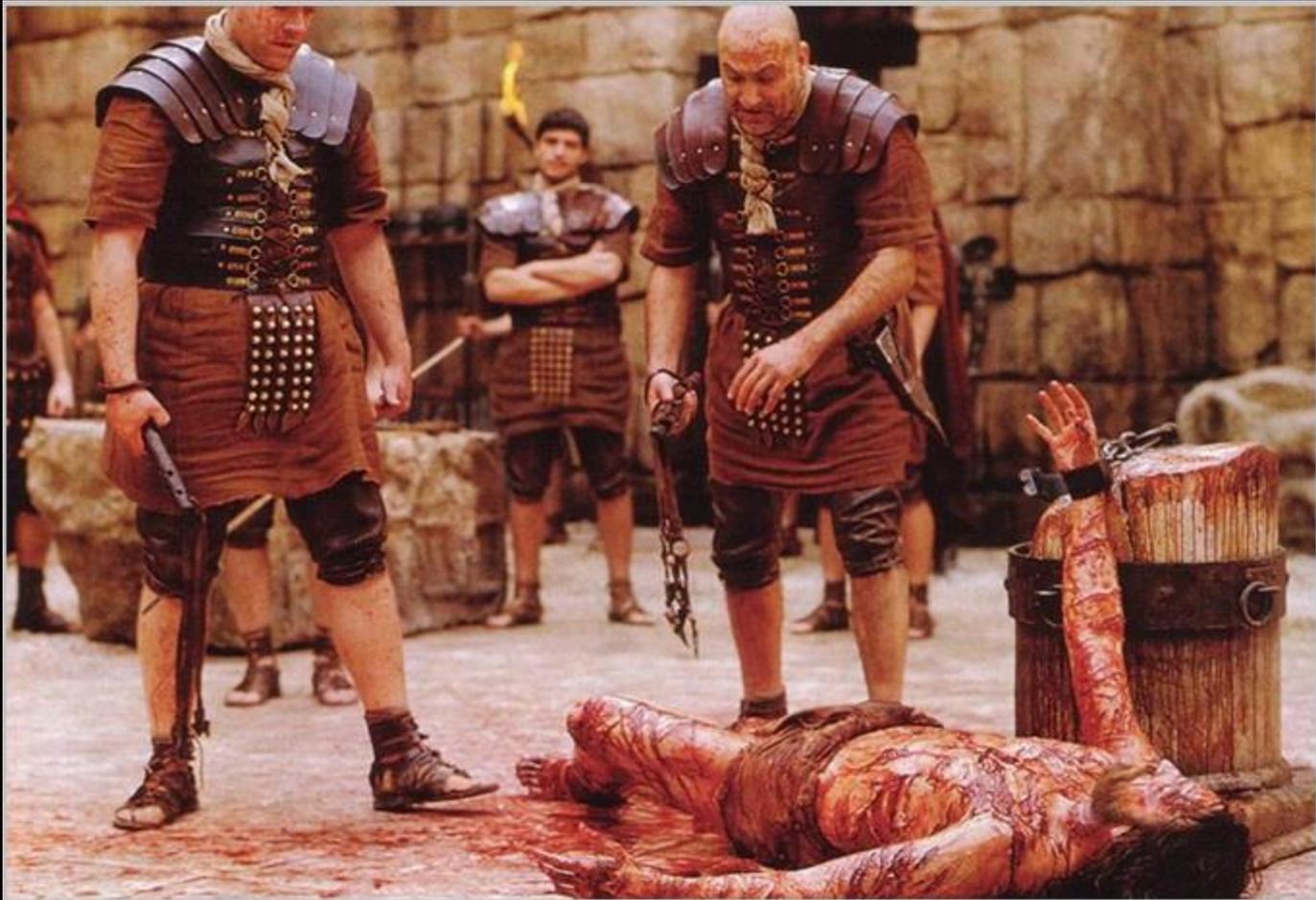
⁴ *Then they said, “Come, let’s build a
great city for ourselves with a tower that
reaches into the sky. This will make us
famous and keep us from being scattered
all over the world.” (Genesis 11:4)*

This revolt is for mankind
to be **independent** of God
and to live for self.

This revolt is for the greatness *of man*. This revolt is a self-seeking, pleasure-seeking mission.

This revolt sees the *rule of God* as boring, **bondage** & slavery...in comparison to the freedom of self.

But this Psalm mentions
a specific revolt to go against
the LORD and **against his Anointed...**



Psalm 2 (ESV)

- 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."

"Let us burst their bonds apart..."

This is a revolt against God and his Son Jesus and their eternal bond together.

**A revolt to destroy God's deity
(a revolt rooted in Lucifer's 1st sin).**

This revolt is shown in **Acts 4:27**

*For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate
the governor, the Gentiles, and the
people of Israel were all united
against Jesus, your holy servant,
whom you anointed.*

We see other attempts in history of kings and rulers trying to wipe out God's anointed one (promised in Gen 3:15) :

Such as in Exodus 1:15-16 When Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gave the order to the Hebrew midwives to kill the male babies and in Matt 2:16 When Herod sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under.

**How will God respond to the
scheming of wicked men?**



Psalm 2 (NLT)

⁴ But the one who rules in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them.

⁵ Then in anger he rebukes them, terrifying them with his fierce fury.

God laughs and makes a mockery
of the futility of man:

*He considers it a joke that mankind
thinks they can over throw the God of
the universe...that their pride has led
them to such stupidity.*

But his laughter turns to
righteous anger against their wicked
rebellion against his holy name.



⁶ For the Lord declares,
“I have placed my chosen king on the throne
in Jerusalem, on my holy mountain.”



7 The king proclaims the LORD's decree:

“The LORD said to me, ‘You are my son.
Today I have become your Father.



⁸ Only ask, & I will give you the nations
as your inheritance, the whole earth as
your possession.



*9 You will break them with an iron rod
and smash them like clay pots.”*



God's response continues... he has a Son!

*-This Son will be the king
on the mountain of God.*

*-This Son will inherit the ownership
& worship of the nations.*

*-This Son will judge the world and
destroy his enemies.*

¹⁰ Now then, you kings,
act wisely! Be warned,
you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with
reverent fear, and rejoice
with trembling.

Act wisely! Be warned!



*Serve the Lord with reverent fear,
and rejoice with trembling.*

Even though believers do not need to fear the punishing wrath of God...and have an eternal good standing with God...there is a reverent fear and awe of God that we must always have!

Proverbs 1:7

“The fear of the LORD
is the beginning of
knowledge.”

¹² Submit to God's royal son,
or he will become angry,
and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your
activities—for his anger flares up in an instant.



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12 ^bBut what joy for all
who take refuge in him!



God's gives 5 Directives to the people of the world wishing to be spared & have joy!

- **Act wisely**
- **Serve the Lord**
- **Rejoice with trembling**
- **Submit to God's Son**
- **Take refuge in God's Son**

How does this
apply to me?



Realize that earthly,
routine, common plans can
be hostility towards God.

(1) There is nothing truly 'neutral'. (1 Cor 10:31)

Whether you eat or drink...do all things to the glory of God.

**(2) Many of the most culturally common things
in our weekly routine**

could be considered enmity towards God. (James 4:4)

**(3) *Filter everything* through the lenses of
eternity & purity. (Phil 4:8)**

Don't perceive God's divine rule as bondage & slavery.

(1) Satan is striving for us to see God's design as boring, difficult and burdensome. (Gen 3:1,4)

(2) *Remind yourself* how submitting to/failing to follow God's design worked out in the past... (Josh 21:45)

**(3) *Beware when* you begin to view God as a heavy weight and obeying him as a duty.
(Matt 11:30)**

Cherish God's rule in the world
and desire it more in your life.

(1) *Learn to love* God's instruction...

by seeing it not only as 'right' but 'BEST'. (Psalm 119:97)

(2) *Pray that* God's will would be done in your life...

as it is being done in Heaven! (Matt 6:10)

**(3) *Surround yourself* with others who cherish
the reign and rule of God...**

and limit time with those who don't! (Prov 4:18-19)

Act wisely, making the most of
the time you have.

(1) 'Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.' (Eph 5:15-16)

(2) *Remind yourself* that we will all give an account of our lives to God. (2 Cor 5:10)

(3) *Surround yourself* with others who want to make the most of their lives, spiritually, avoid those who don't! (Prov 4:13-14)

Serve God reverently &
fearfully but not out of duty.



Rejoice in your salvation & your
escape from destruction.



Rejoice
always!

Submit to God's Son in all you do & take refuge in Him.

(1) 'Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.' (Eph 5:1)

(2) *Remind yourself* that God has true & total ownership of every aspect of your life (Psalm 24:1)

**(3) *Remind yourself* that everything done in submission to Christ is for our eternal good and will eventually be rewarded!
(Eph 6:7-8)**