

## “Perspective in Troubled Times” Psalm 2

1. What principles or observations from Psalm 2 and Pastor Walt’s message did you find to be helpful or insightful?
2. Psalm 2 is a royal psalm written by David (see Acts 4:25) that describes a celebration at the coronation of the anointed king despite opposition from other pagan, Gentile nations. These verses describe the psalmist’s amazement at the plans of the nations to overthrow God’s *Anointed One* (the Hebrew word for “Messiah” and the Greek word is “Christ”). Talk about how Jesus was first received at His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (read Mark 11:1-10). Describe the opposition that He later faced when He no longer lived up to the people’s expectations of a military Messiah who would overthrow the Romans?
3. Psalm 2 begins with a rhetorical question: “Why are the nations in an uproar...And the peoples devising a vain thing?” The psalmist can’t believe that the nations would plot something that was destined to fail. Earthly kings were actually taking a stand against the Lord when they stood AGAINST His Anointed One. In our lives today, when can it be a challenge to stand UP for Christ?
4. In verse 4 the psalmist portrays the Lord’s response to the nations’ plans by envisioning God laughing at it. The Lord sits enthroned on high and God’s reaction of Him laughing is stated in human terms to describe how foolish their plan was to oppose Him. Can you point to other Scripture references that speak of God in human terms to describe His attributes and His care for us?
5. In verse 7 the psalmist speaks of God’s affirmation of Messiah as His Son. “You are my Son” is quoted from God’s Covenant with David in 2 Samuel 7:14. In verse 8 we see the significance of God’s adoption of the King through His inheritance. As a son inherits from his father, so the King inherits the kingdom from His “Father”. Nations from the end of the earth (including the rebellious ones) will one day be subject to the Lord. As believers in Christ, what riches and blessings will we inherit upon entering the Kingdom of Heaven?
6. In verses 10-11, the psalmist instructs the earthly, pagan kings to use discernment and abandon this foolish rebellion. They would be wise to serve the Lord. What four words in these 2 verses speak to the responses that believers should have in our worship of Christ?
7. How has God been a Rock and Refuge to you in this current crisis? How does it feel to know that God is holy and lifted up and in control of all things?
8. Where have you witnessed God at work in your life and in the lives of others this past week?