

The LORD's Anointed

Introduction

As we noted in our previous study, Psalm 1&2 function as an introduction to the book of Psalms as a whole and introduce the vital concept of the *blessed life*, the life which God intended people created in His image to enjoy in fellowship with Him.

From Psalm 1, we learnt that the blessed life is the righteous life - life lived in right relationship with the LORD through His Word, a life characterised by repentance and faith. From Psalm 2 we learn that the blessed life is a life lived in submission to the LORD's anointed king, the One whom the LORD Himself has appointed to rule the nations.

Read Psalm 2 vs 1-12



Investigate:

Answer the following questions from the text:

1. What picture does the Psalm paint of the nations and their rulers?
How does the language that the Psalmist uses convey this picture?

2. Against whom do the nations 'stand together' in their joint rebellion?
What is surprising about this?

3. How does the LORD respond to the rebellion of the nations? What 'weapon' does He use?

4. What promises does the LORD make to His Anointed King?
5. How should the nations respond to what the LORD has said and done? What is at stake?

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1. Read 2 Samuel 7vs8-17. In what way did Psalm 2 apply to David and his descendants?
2. Read Mark 1vs9-12. In what way was Psalm 2 fulfilled according to these verses?
3. Read Acts 4vs23-31. How does Peter apply Psalm 2 in this passage?
4. Read Matthew 28vs16-20. What does this passage teach us about our response as believers today to the rebellion of the nations and God's enthronement of His king?
5. How is Psalm 2 fulfilled in the rule of Jesus?