

Sermon: Finding refuge in our King.
Series: Let Earth Receive Her King.

Scripture: Psalm 2
Date: December 15, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Psalm 2 describes the nations raging against God and plotting in vain. Where can you see this happening in the world today?
- b) In what ways do you plot in vain without considering God, or rage against God and others? Consider ways that you use your God-given power to self-promote or ways that you may fear man rather than fearing God.

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Psalm 2 describes God as having wrath and fury. Why is God's wrath always consistent with his love?
- b) We said that in Psalm 2 we see that "God sent God to rescue us from God." Why do we need rescuing from God? In what way is the gospel our refuge from God?

For deeper discussion: Why must we not say that Jesus came to appease the Father or to rescue us from the Father? In what way does Psalm 2 keep us from saying it this way?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Where do we see both the justice and the mercy of Jesus in this psalm? How does this point forward to the cross? In what way do you personally long for both God's justice and his mercy?

For deeper discussion: Verse 2 speaks of God's "anointed" or messiah. This is Jesus Christ. The messiah is God's king (v.6) and God's son (v.7). Compare this to Romans 1:1-6. How does Paul present Jesus as both king and son? Consider also Revelation 19:15-16. Does this description of Jesus concern you? Comfort you?

APPLICATION

- a) The general message of Psalm 2 is that you can either rebel against God or take refuge in God through his Anointed/Christ. In what specific area of your life do you need to make the move from rebellion to refuge? Again, think about ways you fear man rather than fearing God.
- b) V.11. What do you think it means to serve the Lord in fear, and rejoice with trembling? Does this dichotomy describe your relationship with Jesus? What might need to change?

PRAYER

- Thank God for his holy wrath that would destroy evil for us.
- Confess ways that you fear man over fearing God.
- Thank Jesus for being your refuge from the wrath of God.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to serve the Lord with fear.