

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE
CHRIST – THE KING OF THE NATIONS
Psalm 2

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- gives a framework for understanding the “enemies” of the Psalms that follow.
- gives the church of Christ under attack from a hostile world an understanding of Who really is in charge and Who will win.
- gives the church a *message* of warning & promise to the rulers of the hostile world.

1. The world is at war with God & with King Jesus – vv.1-3

In Acts 4:25-26 these verses are ascribed to “the Holy Spirit speaking through the mouth of our father (King) David.”

The hostility of nations to King David & to the LORD is also the hostility of rulers & nations to Jesus & His church.

Focus of that hostility: Nations, rulers, & peoples want to be free of God’s rule over them. They want to be “autonomous.”

This began in the garden, and continues to this day.

Therefore, Christian believer/church - do not be surprised.

2. God’s Response – vv.4-6

Who speaks? The covenant God of His people, Yahweh, the Living God, not some generic god “however you conceive him”

HE is not threatened! His throne in heaven is secure. Remember that! He mocks the absurd rebellion of puny little creatures.

He is also ANGRY at the insolence of rejecting His rule

AND the rule of His King on Zion (Jerusalem):

- David and his heirs in Israel.

- Jesus God’s Son, the God-man raised to the right hand of God in the *heavenly* Jerusalem.

The church may suffer here, for a while;

but God’s rule is secure & therefore *so are we*.

3. His Anointed King’s Response – vv.7-9

Who is this King? David then, Jesus now.

He is God’s Son – the man chosen & exalted to rule on earth

in God’s name & as God’s heir.

David – a mere man, the forerunner of Jesus.

Jesus – the God-man, now seated at His Father’s right hand.

What does Jesus claim? His divine right to His heritage.

People, mere creatures of God, have no right to deny Him that!

The Father gives Him that right, **and** He earned by His obedience.

The Father gives Him to right to claim His heritage by conquest, & judgments expressing God’s wrath. He does do that.

4. Rulers & people: Serve the Lord & His Son - vv.10-12

The message of the Psalm to rulers & people (the church’s message):

Serve God with reverence; submit to Christ His Son as Lord.

Refuse – and perish. Obey & trust – and be blessed.