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#### RELATED SCRIPTURES

2 Samuel 7:10–16 | Acts 4:24–31 | Hebrews 5:5–10

#### STUDY FOR SERMON FROM 5.31.26

#### SUMMARY

Psalm 2 is an enthronement Psalm that is often attributed to David (Acts 4:25). It applies to Israel's kings and is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The first stanza (vs. 1-3) summarizes the evil that fills the earth. Psalms 1 and 2 form an introduction to the Psalter. The word "plot" in Psalm 2:1 is the same word in Hebrew as "meditates" in Psalm 1:2. While a righteous man delights in and meditates on the law of the Lord (Psalm 1:2), the wicked meditate "against the Lord and against his anointed" (Psalm 2:2). The early church recognized that these verses were fulfilled in Jesus, "for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed" (Acts 4:27). The second stanza (vs. 4-6) show us God's perspective. Although rulers think they make their own plans, it is all part of God's plan (Acts 4:28). Verse 6 echoes God's promise to David, "I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them . . . I will raise up your offspring after you . . . and I will establish his kingdom" (2 Samuel 7:10a, 12). David and his offspring are types that point to the true King to come. The kingdom of Israel and the Davidic kings would fall, but the kingdom of God is established forever under Christ the King. The third stanza (vs. 7-9) supports Jesus Christ's claim to the throne. For the Davidic kings, "today I have begotten you" (v. 7) refers to the king's coronation, as proclaimed in 2 Samuel 7:12, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son." However, Jesus is the eternally begotten Son of God, so "today I have begotten you" (v. 7) cannot refer to his creation, as he has existed eternally, nor does it refer to his incarnation. Rather, Psalm 2:7 is fulfilled through Jesus' resurrection (Acts 13:33). Jesus is established as King over the whole earth, not only Israel. "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). The fourth stanza (vs. 10-12) warns kings and rulers to "serve the Lord with fear" (v. 11) because Christ will come again in judgment. Psalm 2:12 concludes "Blessed are all who take refuge in him," forming a parallel with Psalm 1:1, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked." While the nations rage, we find our refuge is in Christ.

#### GROUP QUESTIONS

Share something that surprises, encourages, or troubles you from the sermon or your direct reading of Psalm 2.

Considering Acts 4:24-31 as an example, how does Psalm 2 provide comfort amidst the wars and raging nations that we see in the world today?

Although Psalm 2:10-12 is aimed at kings and rulers, how does it also apply to each of us?

If there's one thing Jesus would want you to walk away believing and receiving as a result of this portion of Scripture, what is that thing?

#### CLOSE IN PRAYER

As you pray, be sure to include today's themes in what you bring before God.