

Exchange Aggression for Allegiance

PSALM 2

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Psalm 2

Don't bow to kings who possess the judgment of death. Bow to THE KING who possesses everlasting life.

1. Bow to the King who **Seizes** all other kings (vs. 1-3)
2. Bow to the King who **Sits** above all other kings (vs. 4-6)
3. Bow to the King who **Strikes** down all other kings (vs. 7-9)
4. Bow to the King who **Saves** those who turn from all other kings (vs. 10-12)

*Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his
Anointed, saying,
"Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."*

*He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
"As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."*

*I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your
heritage,
and the ends of the earth your
possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's
vessel."*

*Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the
way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
(ESV)*

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways do you see the church opposed and attacked by political authorities today?
2. In Scripture, what examples do we have of the futility of evildoers who take their stand against God?
3. Read [Acts 4:23-31](#). When was the last time you articulated the significance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection in words to someone who does not know Him? How does [Psalm 2](#) motivate us to speak boldly?
4. How is King Jesus different from the authorities we see in the world today?
5. Because of Jesus and His power that lives in His people, we can respond to evil with, "I resist. My allegiance is to the true King!" Which temptations do you need to speak this to?



Quote for the Week

by Austin Duncan

"None of us could see the glory of God or behold the magnificence of His Majesty apart from divine intervention. Our response, then, is to live for this supreme Son. We must never pass casually by the word 'glory' in our Bibles. We eat and drink for His glory. We let our light shine before men so they can see our good deeds and give glory to the Father. We eagerly expect that now, as always, Christ might be magnified in our body, to His glory. Our lives are designed to bring glory to God through His radiant, atoning, conquering Son, Jesus Christ."