

## PSALM 2

### A royal psalm

*Trusting God's sovereignty in times of wickedness*

#### PREPARATION:

*Carefully read Psalm 2 seeking to answer these questions about the text:*

1. With what question does the psalmist introduce his subject? (v. 1)  
What do you think is his motive for asking this question?
2. What are the kings of the earth and the rulers said to be doing?  
Against whom are they fighting? (v. 2) What do they say that indicates their intentions? (v. 3)
3. How does the Lord view their plans to overthrow Him? (v. 4)
4. God's laughter toward those who rebel against Him is turned to what? (v. 5) What does God say to them? (v. 6)
5. In verse 7-10 God's king speaks of the decree the Lord spoke to him.  
What did God say to this king? (v. 7) What day is this day of begetting?
6. What territory does the Lord promise to give to His anointed one? (v. 8) What will this king do to those who oppose him? (v. 9)
7. In view of this, the psalmist issues a warning (v. 10-12). What does he urge the kings and judges of the earth to do? (v. 10)
8. Instead of opposing the Lord, what are they exhorted to do? How is this worship to be given? (v. 11)

9. Instead of opposing the Lord's Son, what are they exhorted to do?  
Why are they exhorted to do this? (v. 12)

**KEY QUESTION:**

**Write in your own words below what you think is the main message of this psalm.**

**FOR CLASS  
DISCUSSION:**



**Historical and cultural setting**

1. What ancient peoples regarded their kings as sons of deity?
2. Who might have been the subject of these ancient "royal" or "coronation" psalms in Israel?
3. In what sense could Israel's king be called God's son? (Ps. 89:26; 2 Sam. 7:14)
4. Should we see this psalm as purely Messianic?



**What does this psalm tell us about God & His people?**

**How does this psalm point to Jesus? (Heb. 1:5; See Ac. 13:32-33; Col. 1:18)**

**How could the Christian apply the teaching of this psalm to his life today?**

