

The Kings of the Earth

Psalm 2:1-6

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Read with me, please, verses 1-3 of the 2nd Psalm.

Why are the nations in an uproar, And the peoples devising a vain thing?
The kings of earth take their stand, And the rulers take counsel together
Against the Lord and against His Anointed. "Let us tear their fetters apart,
And cast away their cords from us!"

The Psalmist paints for us a picture of nations and peoples, kings and rulers taking counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed. Knowing that the Hebrew word for "Anointed" is "Messiah" and the Greek is "Christ" perhaps helps us understand they take counsel against God the Father and Jesus, the Son, in the Son's position as the Anointed One of God. Ruling authorities of earth are saying, "Let us cast off divine authority and be truly free to exercise our authority as we chose!" How typical of those who gain some degree of authority; they want more, they want to answer to know one, but themselves. They want to throw off the bonds of God's law.

Listen now as verses 4-6 of this Psalm present God's attitude toward such rebellion.

He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.
Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury:
But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain.

The thought that any, no matter how powerful he might be, could throw off the dominion of God is comical to the Almighty. He sits in the heavens and laughs at them! But His amusement is short-lived; His laughter is followed by anger. "He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury," says verse five.

All men, whatever their position, are under God's authority. They either acknowledge it willingly or are forced to submit to it unwillingly. The Father has installed His King upon His holy mountain. Jesus, the only begotten of the Father is His Anointed One. He is Lord of lords and King of kings. None has authority over Him.

Let us *all* reverently submit to Him and worship the King on God's holy mountain.