

## Heart to Heart with the Living God

### Psalm 2

*"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." Psalm 2:6*

Psalm 2 is a 'Royal Psalm'. It was probably written by (or for) King David and was recited at the coronation ceremony of every new Davidic King. It describes the unique relationship between the Divine King—the God of Israel—and the human King. This human King was to be God's special representative on Earth. He was called to faithfully obey God's Law and to extend God's rule throughout the whole earth.

**Day 1: Read Psalm 2.**

1. There are three speakers in this Psalm. The Narrator is King David (v. 7). Who are the other two voices? List the verses where each one speaks.
  
2. The Psalm opens by setting out what the writer considers to be a big problem. Complete the table.

|     | Who | Is doing what? |
|-----|-----|----------------|
| 1a. |     |                |
| 1b. |     |                |
| 2a. |     |                |
| 2b. |     |                |

3. Who is all this hostility directed against? (v. 2)
 

How is the Lord's anointed described? (vv. 6-9, 12)

What are the nations and the kings conspiring together to do? (v. 3)
  
4. The Psalmist says that all this plotting will be "in vain" (v. 1).
  - a. What does the writer know about God that these rebellious people have failed to understand? (vv. 4-5; Ps. 47:7-9) Is this the way you normally think about God?
  
  - b. What is your reaction to this portrait of him?

**Day 2: Read Psalm 2.**

5. This Psalm is about the 'kings of the earth and the nations' being required to submit to the human king of the insignificant nation of Israel. Why does God require this of them? (vv. 2, 6-8; \* Gen 12:1-3)

\* The  symbol identifies verses for further study.

6. How should a "wise" (v.10a) foreign king behave and what will be the result? (vv. 10-12)

**Day 3: Read Psalm 2.**

7. Describe what happens to the man God chooses to be King. (1 Sam. 16:1, 11-13; Ps. 2:7; 2 Sam. 7:4, 5, 14)
8. What binding promises does God make to King David and his descendants? (2 Sam. 7:4, 8-16; Ps. 89:20-29)
9. The history of Israel shows that the kings failed to live up to their calling to be God's faithful Sons. They led the nation into idolatry and rebellion against God. The result of this disobedience was that by 586 BC, the nation was conquered, enslaved and exiled. And there was no longer a King on David's throne. The exiles must have begun to wonder if God had gone back on His promises. The prophet Isaiah writes to the exiles and gives them hope: one day, a new King will sit on David's throne.

Read Isa. 9:6-7; 11:1-5. How is this promised King like the King in Ps. 2?

How is he better?

**Day 4: Read Psalm 2.**

10. Read Luke 3:21-22. With Psalm 2 in the background, what is Luke telling us about Jesus' identity and calling?
11. After the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples understand Psalm 2 with new perspective. How does God's love for his kingly Son find its ultimate fulfillment? (Acts 13:32-37)
12. How does Psalm 2 help the early church understand why Jesus was killed and why they were experiencing so much opposition? (Acts 4:23-28)

**Day 5: Read Psalm 2.**

13. How are the promises made to David in Ps. 2:8, fulfilled in Christ? (Rev. 7:9, 10)

What is our role now in their ongoing fulfillment? (Mt. 28:16-20; Acts 1:8)

14. Read Luke 7:36-50 with Psalm 2 eyes.

a. What does it mean to "kiss the Son"? (Ps. 2:12)

b. How is the woman blessed?

15. Read aloud John's vision of Jesus in Revelation 19:11-16. Now pray and ask the Father to fill you with hope.