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Study 2

PSALM 2

1. Psalm 2:1–3 describes how the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain. What exactly are they plotting, and what is their ultimate goal?
2. In the previous study, we saw that the blessed man "meditates" on God's word day and night. The Hebrew word used there ("*haga*") is the same word used in Psalm 2:1 to describe how the nations "plot" / "devising" in vain. How are these two uses of the same word similar or different?
3. Reflection Question. What do you find yourself dwelling on most often throughout the day? What shapes your thoughts, emotions, and direction in life?
4. Psalm 2:4 describes how God laughs and holds the rebellious in derision. Why does God respond this way?
5. Verses 5-6 show that God responds to the nations not just with laughter, but with fury and wrath. What does this reveal about God's attributes?
6. From verses 5-6, the tone shifted from fury; to verse 7 where He declares, "You are my Son." What does this transition show us about how God deals with rebellion?

7. In verse 7, God says, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you." How have different theological traditions understood this verse in relation to Jesus' identity, and how does the New Testament interpret it?
8. Psalm 2:8 says, "Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance." Should this be understood as a direct promise to Christians today that if they ask, God will give them possession of the nations?
9. In verses 8–9, God says to His Son, "Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." What does this reveal about the scope and nature of the Son's authority?
10. In Acts 4:29-31, the disciples proclaimed Psalms 2:1 and asked God to enable the disciples to speak His words with boldness. How did the disciples find the courage to continue sharing the faith?
11. In Psalm 2:10, the Scripture warns us to be wise, to take refuge in God. How does one take refuge in the Son?

Takeaway

Psalm 2 reminds us that human rebellion against God's rule is ultimately futile, because God alone is sovereign over all nations. Despite opposition, God has established His Son, Jesus Christ, as the eternal King with absolute authority. As believers, we are called to respond wisely by trusting in Christ, serving Him with gratitude, rejoicing in His reign, and submitting to His lordship. Taking refuge in the Son brings security amid life's challenges, knowing that His kingdom will never be shaken.