



## **The Way - Embracing God's Rule**

### **Key idea:**

Those who walk in God's Way must embrace His Kingship, submitting to His wise, loving rule in every area of life.

### **Key text:**

#### Psalm 2

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. <sup>3</sup> "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." <sup>4</sup> The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. <sup>5</sup> Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, <sup>6</sup> "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." <sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup> You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." <sup>10</sup> Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

### **Key points:**

1. Psalm 2 reveals the kings of the earth - and all humans - in rebellion against God's Rule.
2. God rebukes and warns those rebelling against His authority, and declares the Lordship of Jesus Christ over everything.
3. God warns humans to embrace God's King and His rule with willing submission and love.
4. Psalm 2 does not just speak to human kings, but to every single human who is tempted to rebel against the authority and rule of God.
5. Every human is tempted to reject God's rule. We may do it in different ways, but it is a temptation for all sinful humans, and we must all repent and seek refuge in Christ.

### **Questions for discussion/application:**

1. What part of Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. When I read Psalm 2, what are my initial impressions? If I had to summarize the main point of the Psalm, what would it be?
3. What clues are there in the Psalm that the issue of authority and Lordship is an important part of the Psalm?
4. What do the words "conspire" and "plot" describe regarding the people's response to the LORD? When I hear that the word "plot" is the same as "meditate" in Psalm 1, what nuance does this give?
5. How are the people described in Psalm 2 different than the blessed person in Psalm 1? How do their attitudes differ? How do their actions differ?
6. When I hear our culture mock and scoff at God and the Scripture, or when they revile and reject God's commands, how do I feel and how do I act? In what ways is my response similar to God's as recorded in Psalm 2? In what ways is it different?
7. How are verses 7-9 related to the book of Revelation? What do they tell me about where history is moving?
8. Where do I see God's Law in Psalm 2? Where do I see the Gospel in Psalm 2?
9. What areas are most tempting for me to reject God's authority and kingship? In what areas or situations am I most tempted to compromise God's Word and follow the nations? How can I prepare now so I will not compromise in these areas?
10. Who will I call or see to encourage this week?

### **For Further Study:**

[The Psalms As Instruction: The Lord Reigns](#) (October 27, 2003)

[The Sovereign King](#) (March 24, 2019)

[All In: A Life of Total Commitment](#) (September 27, 2015)

[A Rebellious King Is Rejected](#) (October 19, 2014)

### **Preview of next week: Walking By the Power of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26)**