

## **Psalm 2 (NIV)**

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

Can you imagine having the audacity to declare war on God? Who in their right mind would take on he who has all power and authority? No one in their right mind is a good answer. But that’s exactly what the unbelieving world is doing. They conspire and plot to war against the almighty God. They take their stand, they gather together against the Lord. How, you ask? By rejecting his Word and his rule.

The world doesn’t want to serve the God of the Bible. No, the world wants to serve the god of self. The world wants nothing to do with God’s desires and his will, but only his own desires and will. And they actually think that they are going to get away with it. They think they can throw off what they see as fetters of right and wrong and the chains of morality. But they are wrong. God laughs at this notion and scoffs at their attempts to destroy him and his Word.

The King of Zion has been installed and no one can over throw him. The King of Zion is the Son of God. Here again we see the words of the Father, “This is/You are my Son.” You will rule, you will reign, you will win!

What great joy and comfort we find in our victorious King. We have nothing to fear! We can serve the Lord out of joy because we have taken refuge in him. That makes us blest! So instead of joining sides with the kings and rulers of this world, serve your Lord and King. God’s judgment is very real and it is coming soon. But blessed are they who hope in the Lord, who have taken refuge in him!