



Psalm 2 is the first of many so-called “royal Psalms,” focusing on God’s kingly character. The psalm opens with a question that answers itself, establishing rebellion and the throwing off of God’s yoke as the desire of the nations and kings who conspire against the true King. The reaction of “He who sits in the heavens” is scornful laughter, highlighting the ridicule of one who will not be mocked.

Although God’s anger at our sin and rebellion is highlighted, so is His provision for our condition. The Lord refers to His Son, the real and true King, who will come and accomplish everything that was originally expected from David and his entire lineage. All is His and His reign over all false kings and nations betrays the attitude of rebels as not only foolish, but dangerous.

While this psalm is sobering in its judgment, it also offers great hope. It points forward to the true divine Son who came to be the final and only truly righteous King, the One who obeyed His Father perfectly and broke the bondage of sin to set us free. Because Christ accomplished His mission on earth, He could definitively say that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him (Matthew 28:18). He is the one the scriptures call “the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.” (Hebrews 1:3).

Prayer

Father in Heaven, thank you for giving us your Son, who reflects your glory and intercedes for us, advocates for us, and sends us the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth. In Christ’s Name, Amen.