

Summer in the Psalms Part 4 - Saturday

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Psalm 2 - Why Do the Nations Rage Against the Lord?

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- The World HATES the Truth and PLANS AGAINST the Lord

Psalm 2:1, *Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."*

- God LAUGHS at Those PLANS:

Psalm 2:4, *The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. 5 He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 6 "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain." 7 I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. 8 Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."*

o His Truth HAS PREVAILED

Acts 4:23, *On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. 25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one. 27 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to*

conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

o **His Truth WILL PREVAIL**

Revelation 6:15, *Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?*

Revelation 19:15, *Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter..."*

How Should You Respond to a Raging Culture?

• **PROCLAIM ALLEGIANCE to Jesus**

Psalm 2:10, *Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. 12 Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment...*

• **TAKE REFUGE in Jesus**

Psalm 2:12, *...Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

• **Engage With the CONFIDENCE AND HUMILITY of Jesus**

Acts 4:29, *Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."*

John 15:18, *"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."*

John 16:33, *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have*

overcome the world.”