



PSALM 2

BLESSED ARE ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM

- 1. Life is dangerous.** We don't like to think about it, but it's obvious once we stop and consider it — death, people, uncertainty, wars. Every human has to do something with the fact that we live in a dangerous world. We are always looking for a place of safety.
- 2. Now imagine finding it. Being truly safe.** That's the good life. This Psalm says, "Blessed are all who take refuge in Him" (Psalm 2:12). Blessed means fortunate, privileged, happy — congratulations, these are the people who won at life.
- 3. What does it mean to take refuge?** A refuge is a place you hide when you're in danger. That's the picture behind trust: hiding yourself in Him — specifically, in the Son, the blessed man who fulfills Psalm 1. Jesus. If you have chosen to hide yourself in Him, you have made the best choice.
- 4. The world says the opposite.** Psalm 3:1 — "There is no salvation for him in God." Psalm 11:1 — "Flee like a bird to your mountain." Even Jesus himself is mocked: "They make mouths at me; they wag their heads. He who trusts in the Lord, let him deliver him" (Psalm 22). It doesn't always look like the safest thing in the world to take refuge in Jesus.
- 5. The Psalmist wants to help us be sure it really is the absolute best decision.** So he gives us a glimpse into what we might describe as a coronation ceremony. We get to listen to different characters speaking as God installs the One He has chosen as King of the world.
- 6. He begins with how the nations are responding.** "Why do the nations rage?" The kings of the earth and rulers gather together against the Lord and against His Anointed — the Messiah, Jesus. They say, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." They treat God's authority as bondage. But the real problem is that if He is King, they are not. This is the problem people have always had with God. Their rage may seem intimidating. It's not to the Psalmist. He asks why? In other words, what are they actually accomplishing?
- 7. To help us understand where he is getting his confidence, he turns our attention to God and shows us God's response.** "He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision." The kings are on earth. God is in the heavens. They are standing, raging, plotting, making plans. God is sitting. We need a right sense of scale. Their words do not scare Him. Their plans do not threaten Him. He

laughs and mocks their rebellion because from His perspective it is foolish and futile. Then He speaks: "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." From the beginning, God has been moving history toward a human ruler who would perfectly represent Him and accomplish His purposes. These kings may have some power right now, but they do not have the power to stop God. That should make us see how good it is to have taken refuge in Jesus — especially when we realize how big the promises God is carrying out really are.

8. To help us get a sense of how big, he turns our attention to Jesus and lets us listen as the Anointed One speaks. "I will tell of the decree. The Lord said to me, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you.'" Jesus is eternally the Son of God by nature, but "Son" is also used in Scripture for a role — someone set apart to represent God and accomplish His purposes. God promised David that one of his descendants would be His Son and would have an everlasting kingdom. In Psalm 2, that promise is fulfilled in Jesus. God raised Jesus from the dead and vindicated the claims He made. The rulers crucified Him, but God raised Him from the dead and vindicated His claims. Jesus is King, and we can be sure this King really will rule. God promises Jesus the nations and gives Him the right and power to judge them, which means, if you are one of Jesus' enemies, no matter how comfortable you feel right now, you are in the most dangerous position in the entire world.

9. But you don't have to be. The Psalmist tells us what to do. "Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth." In other words, turn from the counsel of the wicked and listen to what God says. Take Him seriously. Even if you have been rebelling against God and Jesus, it is not too late — but you must take action. "Serve the Lord with fear... Kiss the Son." Stop trying to be God and submit to Him. Rejoice that you can know Him and be saved. Kiss the Son — a sign of affection, allegiance, and submission. To be truly safe, you have to take refuge in Jesus: believe He is the One God has chosen to fulfill His promises and submit yourself to His Lordship.

10. If you have, know how good you have it. Don't ever doubt it. You are banking your life on promises God is going to keep. No matter how dangerous this world seems, you are truly safe.