

Sermon: **“Kiss the Son” (Psalm 2)**

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Psalm 2 is a very relevant passage to both our sermon series in Matthew as well as the current day and age in which we find ourselves. This psalm begins with a rhetorical question that speaks to how the nations and rulers of this world are in rebellion against God and his works. They hate his law and his Son. Ultimately, God sits in the heavens and laughs. For he knows that all their raging and plotting will ultimately serve his perfect plan. He will make the nations Christ’s heritage and the ends of the earth will be Christ’s possession. One day wrath will be poured out on his enemies. Thus, the rulers and the peoples would be wise to serve the Lord with fear and to kiss the Son, lest he be angry and they perish. As we study this text, we will see that those who take refuge in Jesus Christ will be blessed with peace.

What you need for this study: Bible, Notebook, Pen

### **Individual Bible Study**

1. Please read Psalm 2 and ensure that you’ve listened to Sunday’s sermon.
  - a. How is Psalm 2 a relevant passage to the Gospel of Matthew? Give some examples.
  - b. What different groups of people are talked about in verses 1-2?
  - c. Explain the phrases “nations rage” and “peoples plots” in verse 1. What do these phrases mean?
  - d. Explain verse 3. What does it mean to “burst their bonds apart”? What motives underly the raging and plotting according to this verse?
  - e. In verse 4, we learn that God looks out at all of this and laughs. Why? What causes him to have that reaction?
  - f. Explain verse 8. How is the Great Commission a fulfillment of this verse?
  - g. How do we know that God’s promise in verses 7-8 is sure and irrevocable?

- h. According to verses 9 and 12, what are the consequences for those who do not choose to fear the Lord?
- i. What does it mean to kiss the Son (v. 12)? What is promised for those who do?

**Group Discussion Questions**

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?
2. As Christians, should verses 1-3 lead us to panic or worry? Why or why not?
3. Should we assume that our rulers and government leaders are *intentionally* against God and his Anointed? Explain.
4. As Christians, what should our disposition be toward the government? Use Scripture like Psalm 2 and other relevant passages to support your answer.
5. What does Psalm 2:8 teach us about the Great Commission? How should this verse embolden us and give us confidence as we seek to proclaim the gospel and make disciples?
6. In spite of man's rebellion, God continues to advance his kingdom. How do the promises in this psalm bring you comfort and hope as you look out at all that is going on in the world today?

**Church-Wide Prayer Requests**

- Pray that the Lord would hasten the day when we can gather again for public worship (Hebrews 10:25)
- Pray that God would cause our government leaders to fear the Lord and that He'd give them wisdom (1 Timothy 2:1-2)