

LESSON 2

KISS THE SON!

Psalm 2

¹Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

³ “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me,
“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

WELCOME: *Fixing Our Focus*

Leader: Ask the members of the group to share an instance when they “ran away” from the Lord and another instance when they submitted to his will. Ask them to share the consequences of their actions and what they learned from those experiences.

WORSHIP: *Adoring Our God*

Suggested songs:

Crown Him King of Kings by Don Moen

Majesty by Ron Kenoly

WORD: *Understanding the Word*

Introduction

Perhaps you have heard some preacher say, “Do you want to make God laugh? Then tell him your plans!” Well, that statement holds true for Psalm 2:4. God laughs; but in this psalm his laughter is not one of joy or amusement. It is one of derision. In order to avoid this kind of laughter, the psalmist tells us how to keep our plans “in tune with God’s”—kiss the Son!

Leader: Lead in reading Psalm 2 aloud together. Then read the paragraph on the “Key Verse.”

Key Verse: Like in Psalm 1, the last verse is the key to understanding Psalm 2 — “Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.”

According to the psalmist, there are two attitudes toward God’s Son: to rage against him or to take refuge in him. Those who take former attitude “perish in the way.” Those who take the latter attitude are “blessed.”

Psalm 2:1-3. Theme: _____

In verses 1-2, encircle the four groups who are identified as opposing the Lord and his Anointed. Draw a cross (†) beside the word “Anointed.”

1. Explain their stated reason for their rage and rebellious plot (v. 3)?
2. Why do think the psalmist believed that all these rage and plotting are “in vain”?
3. Read Genesis 11:1-9. How did God put an end to the global alliance against the plan of God for humanity to spread out and “fill the earth”?

**The “Anointed”
speaks of
the promised
Messiah. We
now know that
is Jesus Christ
himself.**

Psalm 2:4-12. Theme: _____

In verses 4-6, underline all the verbs that describe God’s response to those plot against him. Draw a cross (†) beside the word “King.”

1. Why do think the Lord laughs at those who plot against him (v. 4)?
2. What do you learn about the nature of God from the fact that he regards those who rebel against him in “derision,” “wrath” and “fury” (vv. 4-5)?

3. What do you learn about the nature of God from the fact that he “sits in the heavens” (v. 4) and he has set his king on Zion (v. 6)?

Read vv. 7-9. Draw a cross (†) beside the noun and all the pronouns that refer to the “Anointed.”

4. What do we learn about the relationship between God and his Anointed?
5. What does God promise his Son in these verses?
6. Read Hebrews 1:5 which quotes v. 7. What do we learn about the nature of the Son from this verse?

Read vv. 9-12. Draw a cross (†) beside the word “Son.”

7. What does the psalmist counsel the kings and rulers of the earth to do?
8. “Kiss the Son” implies (*check all that apply*):
- Submission
 - Humility
 - Respect
 - Affection
 - Reverence
 - Friendship

In the space above, write what you think is the theme of verses 4-12.

Psalm 2 in the New Testament

1. Read Acts 4:23-28. How did the believers use and interpret Psalm 2:1-2? How did the people plot against Jesus Christ, the Lord's Anointed?
2. Read Acts 13:26-33. How did Paul use and interpret Psalm 2:7?

When Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18), he was staking his claim as the rightful heir of the nations.

WALK: *Applying the Word*

Questions for Adults

1. The words "meditate" in Psalm 1:2 and "plot" in Psalm 2:1 are the same Hebrew word, *hagah*. If you stop meditating on the Word of God, what could possibly fill your mind?
2. In what ways do you see people today oppose the reign of the Lord Jesus Christ?
3. Psalm 2 talks about the kingly dominion of Jesus Christ over the nations, peoples, kings and rulers of the earth. How then should Greenhills Christian Fellowship act so that that the nations would have the opportunity to take refuge in Christ?
4. Individually and as a group, pray back this psalm to God. You could start by saying something like:

Father, I acknowledge that you reign in heaven. I praise you because you are all-powerful, all-wise and all-loving. But Lord, some of my friends reject you.

5. Pray for GCF (Prayer requests supplied by the Leader).

Questions for the Youth

1. It is in our youth that we start to discover and make plans for ourselves. We explore who we are and what we can do. It's from this exploration that we tend to make plans for our future. What do you take into consideration when planning for your future? How do you plan for your future? Do you consider including God and his purposes in your plans?
2. The future can seem either like a scary or exciting place. Sometimes, we rush towards the future without consulting God. Other times, we are too afraid to face tomorrow. How can you surrender your future to the God who holds the future?
3. Who is God to you? Is he a distant king, a father figure, or a chummy friend? God can be all this if you allow him to. What are some things that are holding you back from this relationship?

Questions for Children

1. Psalm 2 shows us that God is powerful and above everyone and everything. This means no power or force on earth can stop His plan and purpose. Are you afraid of someone or something in the future? Write it down and ask God to help you trust that He is in control.
2. Those who choose to do wrong will receive punishment from the Lord. When we choose to disobey our parents, we also rebel or go against God. Ask the Lord for forgiveness and ask Him to help you obey your parents.
3. God is holy and worthy of praise. Verse 11 says to "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling." How can you honor the Lord at home, school, and in church? List at least one example each.
4. In life, we will always need to make decisions. That is why we need wisdom to judge or to know what is right or proper. The leaders of our country also make tough choices. Lift up our president, the vice-president, the senators, and congressmen in prayer that they will make wise decisions that honor God.