

## **Psalm 2 - "You're in a War: Serve the Son!"**

I read about a pastor asking his old mentor pastor as to what else he needed to learn as a pastor of a church. The old mentor told him: "Don't take it personally!" He was confused by this answer so he asked, "What do you mean, 'Do not take it personally!'" His old pastor told him, "Don't take personally when you get beat up, harassed and depressed in the ministry. You are in a war. It goes with the territory." I think of all us will agree that he was right. When a soldier gets shot at in a battle, he doesn't get his feelings hurt. It's not about him; it's about the war he is in. He doesn't look over the top of his foxhole and ask the enemy, "Was it something I said or do?"

I believe this truth applies to all of us who names the Name of Jesus. Anyone who believes and belongs to Jesus will get His enemies in the bargain. His enemies become our enemies. And this is one of the truths that we can learn from our Psalm today.

Psalm 2 is a BIG PSALM because it is one of those Messianic Psalms that prophesies the coming of the Messiah. We can further appreciate this psalm by understanding its place in the Lord's plan of salvation. Look at Acts 2: 23ffg. The context was that the religious authorities had just arrested and then released Peter and John after threatening them not to speak again about this Jesus. But instead, as one body they prayed to the Lord and asked for His intervention. Then, they quoted this very psalm! By doing so, they were acknowledging that Jesus was the Messiah and He was the indeed Anointed one - the Christ! And these leaders are those who are conspiring against Him. Now, let's consider these questions for our reflections.

### **1) In vv. 1-3, the Psalmist assails the enemies of the Lord.**

a. *What is the actuations/behavior of the enemies of God?*

*Answer: They were angry. They were plotting/planning to harm the Lord. They were rebelling!*

b. *To whom were they rebelling against? Answer: The Lord and His Christ!*

### **2) In vv. 4-9, the Psalmist asserts the Sovereignty of the Lord.**

a. *How did the Lord react to their rebellion? Answer: He laughs at them, scoffs them. He rebukes them.*

b. *What did the Lord do about the Christ? Answer: He installs his Son as King!*

c. *How did the Son responded to the Lord by His action? Answer: He committed to do God's will. He will rule the nations faithfully and forcefully!*

### **3) In vv. 10-12, the Psalmist admonishes the nations and their leaders.**

a. *What does the psalmist commands the nations to do? Answer: Serve the Lord, rejoice with trembling, and Submit to the Lord!*

b. *Why submit to the Lord? Answer: Because you will either be destroyed if you refused or be blessed by the Lord if you submit!*

**Could we take a moment to be silent and spend time with the Lord allowing His Spirit to examine our hearts if there is any hint or iota of rebellion against Him and ask His Blood to cleanse and sanctify our hearts? If there are, let confess them and ask His forgiveness & cleansing.**

**PRAYER:**

***“Father, show me the true content of my heart! And if there is any sin or offensive & rebellious way in me, forgive me & cleanse me in the Name & Blood of Jesus my Savior & Lord. Lord, to you I submit my will and surrender my life. Use me for Your glory & honor. In Jesus’ Name, AMEN!”***