



# Thy Kingdom Come

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Exposition of Psalm 2 | Jeff Heslop | 1.21.18

In **Matt 6:9-10**, our Lord taught us to pray “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Jesus taught us to pray for the coming kingdom. Matt 25:34; Acts 1:3, 28:30

In Psalm 2, God reveals His plan for the coming King and kingdom through David. 2 Sam 7:12-13

The psalm is broken into 4 sections, each with 3 verses.

**Verses 1-3** David is amazed that the nations’ actually plan against the LORD and His Anointed.

**Verses 4-6** The LORD will laugh at the foolish and vain plans of the nations against Him. He will enthrone His son on Zion.

**Verse 7-9** The LORD offers the nations to the Son who will rule over them with a rod of iron.

**Verses 10-12** David, the missionary, counsels the nations to pay homage to the coming Son.

**Verses 1-3** David is amazed that the nations are actually planning against the LORD and His Anointed.

v.1 Rage means band together with evil intent. Vain = worthless, senseless.

v.2 LORD = Yahweh. This is the Father. Anointed = Heb. *mashiach* or Messiah. This is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son. Kings and priests were anointed with oil.

v.3 The kings and rulers want to break the bonds (restraints) and cords (ropes) of the LORD and His Anointed. They want to throw off all of God’s “restraints.” See Gen 3:4, 15.

God’s restraints are for our own good. He gives us great liberty but within bounds that He sets for His glory and our good.

**Verses 4-6** The LORD will laugh at the foolish and vain plans of the nations against Him. He will enthrone His son on Zion.

v.4 The Lord = ruler, master, sovereign. Heb. *adona*. It is the Lord who sits in heaven. This name emphasizes God as ruler. The Lord will laugh at the nations. Derision means to mock, to treat with ridicule.

v.5 Distress means to terrify. Deep displeasure means burning anger.

v.6 "Set" has the idea of pouring out as in pouring out anointing oil. It is the idea of anointing or enthroning a king. God will anoint or enthrone His King on mount Zion.

Zion is the location of Jerusalem. It is where God told Abraham to bind his only beloved son Isaac for sacrifice, Gen 22:2. It is the place where God had David build an altar to make a burnt offering to stop God's plague on Israel, 1 Ki 21:18-28. It is the place where Solomon built the temple, 2 Chr 3:1. It is the place where our Savior was crucified, Matt 27:33.

**Verses 7-9** The LORD offers the nations to the Son who will rule with a rod of iron.

v.7 Notice who is speaking. The Son will declare the LORD's (Father's) decree. He quotes the LORD. "You are My Son. Today I have begotten you."

Today refers to the yet future day of Jesus' coronation as King over all the nations.

Begotten does not refer to Jesus physical birth but to his being anointed as king. Each time a son of David was crowned, he was said to be adopted by God as His son. He had been begotten by God.

v.8 The Father invites the Son to ask Him for His inheritance, the nations. Jesus is worthy of the inheritance. He is creator, the king, promised seed of David, priest, prophet, and redeemer.

v.9 The rod of iron is a figure for absolute rule. Jesus will exercise absolute rule over the nations. Satan will be cast into the bottomless pit, so he can deceive the nations no more until the thousand years are ended, Rev 20:2. See also Ps 110:1-2 and Zech 14:16-17.

**Verses 10-12** David, the missionary, counsels the nations to pay homage to the coming Son.

v.10 Because the Lord will enthrone His Son, because the Lord will give Him all the nations, and because the Son will rule with a rod of iron, David now counsels the kings and judges of the earth. They need wisdom and instruction.

v.11 They are to serve the Lord. With fear. They are to rejoice. With trembling. When the Lord returns to rule it will be a fearful and awesome event. Yet we can rejoice in the coming peace.

v.12 Kiss the Son. Pay homage to Him. Bow before Him. You don't want this future king to be angry with you, not even a little.

Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. And so it is today. This is what we proclaim to the nations **through** our missionaries.