

Psalm 2: God Responds

Read Psalm 2:4-9

In Psalm 2:1-3, the most powerful forces on earth are united against God, His Messiah, and His people. That might seem intimidating or even frightening.

But notice how our God responds in verses 4-6. From His exalted, eternal throne in the heavens, ruling over all reality, He simply laughs at that them! He mocks their threats and ridicules their fierce determination. He makes fun of their petty show of power.

Then He speaks to them in His burning anger and terrifies them in His fury. What does He say to rebuke and frighten them and put them in their place?

*“As for Me, I have installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”* (Psalm 2:6, NASB)

God’s answer to the gathered opposition of Satan and all earthly hosts is that He, the Sovereign Lord of All, has placed His Anointed One, His King, on the throne. He already rules among God’s people. (Zion is a poetic name for Jerusalem and especially for key sections of Jerusalem.)

Then in verses 7-9 God’s Anointed King, the Christ, speaks and proclaims what God has solemnly decreed about Him:

*“I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord:
He said to Me, ‘You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron,
You shall shatter them like earthenware.’”* (Psalm 2:7-9, NASB)

God’s answer to the threats of evil, both then and now, is that He, the Almighty and Sovereign One, has installed His own Son as absolute ruler on earth. God will give Him active authority over all nations, all kingdoms, all peoples. Those who oppose Him will be crushed.

Jesus Christ, Son of the Almighty, is God’s answer to everything that opposes and threatens us, everything that would seek to intimidate us or make us afraid.