



**Series: Seasons in the Psalms,** Reflections on  
God and the Significance of the Soul

**Passage:** Psalm 2

**Title:** The Messiah

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**Discussion Starter** – Do you find it difficult to receive counsel from another? Does receiving advice from another leave you with a sense of personal failure? Do you value your independence above your well-being?

### **Read Psalm 2:1-3**

1. Who are the parties on each side of the described conflict? How and why do the nations, people, kings, and rulers conspire together? What are their bonds and cords that must be cast off?
2. What are the 2 words, (Hebrew and Greek) that are synonyms for Anointed?
3. What answer does this Psalm provide to the initial question, why do the nations rage?
  - a. Considering Psalm 1, what has God provided us to assure a blessed life? Have you ever found yourself rebelling against His provision? Why do we resist God and His commands?
  - b. How do we see this rebellion expressed in today's culture?
4. What application is taken from this passage by the early church in Acts 4:25-31?

### **Read Psalm 2:4-6**

5. How does God react to man's rebellion?
  - c. Does His reaction seem to be fair, just and reasonable to you? Why or why not?

### **Read Psalm 2:7-9**

6. Identify the pronouns referenced in these verses. Who is being referenced in each of the 12 pronouns used? What relationship is being described?
7. How do the New Testament writers expand the understanding and application of Psalm 2, (Acts 13:33, Hebrews 1:5, Hebrews 5:5, and 1 John 5:9)?
8. Who is God's righteous ruler over a rebellious earth? How will He rule in the future?

### **Read Psalm 2:10-12**

9. What response is expected from the men of the earth considering the information provided in this psalm?
  - d. What can be learned from the blessing declared at the closing of Psalm and the blessing declared at the opening of Psalm 1? (Notice Psalm 3 closes with a blessing as well!)
  - e. Describe the difference in attitude toward God in verses 2 and 3, compared with verses 11 and 12. How are these differences reflected in the Beatitudes, (Matthew 5:3-12)? What words summarize the attitude expressed in verses 11 and 12?