



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 26th August 2018
Series- Songs of prayer & praise 3

The Lord Reigns

*4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.*

*5 He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*

*6 "I have installed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain." (Psalm 2:4-6)*

1. The Nations Rage. (Psalm 2:1-3)

2. The Lord scoffs- he has established his King. (Psalm 2:4-9)

3. Therefore be wise- serve the Lord with fear & trembling. (Psalm 2:10-13).

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Psalm 2:1-3. What does this section of the Psalm say about the nations and the conspirators? How do you think that this section aligns with the idea of a coronation Psalm?
2. Read Psalm 2:4-9. What is God's answer to the conspiring nations and their kings? Why do you think God is so confident?
3. Read Psalm 2:10-13. What do you think that it means here by: "serve the Lord with fear and trembling? What does the Psalm mean by the phrase- "kiss the Son?"
4. Bits of this Psalm are used in many places in the New Testament. (Acts 4:24-31, Acts 13, Hebrews 1:4-5, 5:5, Revelation 1:5, 2:27,4:2, 6:17, 12:5, 19:5.) Why do you think the New Testament writers were drawn to Psalm 2 in talking about Jesus and his disciples in situations of persecution?

B. Meditation & application

5. How does Psalm 2 speak into its original context of the life of faith and worship in the time before Christ came? How does it point toward messiah that was to come?
6. What do you make of the violent flavor of Psalm 2 in how it speaks about the king? How does Christ's coming fulfill and "contradict," that flavor?
7. What hope does this Psalm give us in our following after Christ in a comfortably secular Australian context? What does Jesus Kingship mean to you?
8. How does Psalm 2 contribute to the picture of who the Messiah would be? How does Psalm 2 become part of the announcement of the good news that in Christ- the Lord reigns?

Prayer: Heavenly Father; we thank you for your son, King Jesus. Help us to set him apart as our Lord. Worshipping, fearing, rejoicing and delighting in his great power and the extent of his reign. Help us to be wise enough to "Kiss the Son." In Jesus Name- Amen.