

## Psalm 2 Devotions

☐ **Monday - Popular Opinion, A Faulty Compass.** Psalm 2:1-2  
“Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing ... against the Lord and against His Anointed” (Psa. 2:1-2). Inasmuch as the multitudes oppose Christ, it is never safe to trust in popular opinion. There is a way which seems right to the majority of mankind, but its end is the way of death (cf. Prov. 14:12, 16:25). Jesus said, “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are *many* who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are *few* who find it” (Matt. 7:13-14). The great Author and Perfecter of your faith, as Christ is called (Heb. 12:2), is working even now to develop stand-alone-faith in you, dear Christian, that you may do, not necessarily what is popular, but what is right. Read 1 John 2:15-17

☐ **Tuesday - Kings & Kingdoms Shall All Pass Away.** Psalm 2:2  
“The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed” (Psa. 2:2). In vain did Herod, Pilate, and Caesar take their stand against God’s Anointed One, Jesus Christ. They have perished, but Christ endures. In A.D. 303, Roman Emperor Diocletian killed so many Christians and destroyed so many Bibles, that he ordered a coin to be inscribed with the words, “The Christian religion is destroyed and the worship of the gods restored.” The Bible has suffered more attempts to destroy it than any other book in history, but is still the most widely published book in the world today. Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away” (Matt. 24:35). Read 1 Peter 1:24-25

☐ **Wednesday - The Law, Help or Hindrance.** Psalm 2:3  
Nations and peoples and kings and rulers take their stand against the Lord and against His Anointed Son, Jesus Christ, saying, “Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!” (Psa. 2:3). The commandments of God, in which the righteous delight (Psa. 1:2), are like fetters (chains) to the ungodly, which restrict the fulfillment of their evil appetites. The Law of God may be likened to the lock on the front door of a house which the homeowner see as a way to keep evil out, but a thief sees as an obstacle to his way in. So it is with the righteous and the wicked: the laws of God [and men] are either a help or a hindrance, depending on one’s moral perspective. Read John 14:15; 1 John 5:3

☐ **Thursday - Dust on the Scales.** Psalm 2:4-6  
Where on a modern-day map can you find the Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian, Greek, or Roman Empires? These ancient “superpowers,” once revered and often feared, are gone! “O how the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!” (2 Sam. 1:27). To Almighty God, “the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales” (Isa. 40:15). “He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them” (Psalm 2:4). The kings and kingdoms of this earth will all pass away, but one King and one kingdom will endure forever. “But as for Me” declares the Lord, “I have installed My King upon Zion” (Psa. 2:6), who is Christ the Lord (Lk. 1:32-33), “And of the increase of His government there shall be no end” (Isa. 9:7), “And He shall reign forever and ever” (Rev. 11:15). Read Philippians 3:20

☐ **Friday - God & Government.** Psalm 2:10-11  
Hear is God’s decree to earthly governments. “Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the Lord with reverence and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish ...” (Psa. 2:10-12). For, “It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established on righteousness” (Prov. 16:12; cf. Prov. 25:5, 29:12). As for you, Christian, the Lord commands you to: [1] submit to and honor those in authority (1 Pet. 2:13-17; Titus 3:1); [2] pray for them (1 Tim. 2:1-2); and [3] pay your taxes (Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13:6). Read Psalm 33:12; Proverbs 14:34