



God The Invincible Warrior

Psalm 2:1-12

#2 in a series on the Psalms

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Theme: **God Defeats Every Challenge.**

God Is Challenged.

1. A ridiculous challenge. (1-3; cf. 2 Samuel 7:1-16; Acts 4:24-27; 13:30-34; Romans 1:4; Hebrews 1:5; 5:5)
2. A real challenge. (1-3; cf. Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 19:11-16; 19:7-9)

God Responds.

1. A laughing scoff. (4; cf. 37:12-13; 59:8; Proverbs 1:26)
2. A lashing speech. (5-6; cf. 76:7; 86:15; Nahum 1:2-3; Hebrews 10:31)

The King Testifies.

1. A solemn witness. (7; cf. 2 Samuel 7:1-16; Acts 4:24-27; 13:30-34; Romans 1:4; Hebrews 1:5; 5:5)
2. A secure inheritance. (8-9; cf. 72:8-11; 89:19-29; Revelation 2:26-27; 22:5)

The Peoples Make A Choice.

1. A terrifying judgment. (12, 9; cf. 1:6; 48:4-7; 110:5-6; Matthew 25:41; John 3:36; Revelation 6:12-17; 19:15; 20:14-15)
2. A tremendous blessing. (12; cf. 5:11; 34:8; Proverbs 1:7; John 3:16; Ephesians 1:3)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Psalm 2. Have you ever challenged God's sovereign rule? "Ridiculous! No way!" you say. People defy and rebel against God's authority all the time. The people at the tower of Babel were *rebels with a cause*—they declared their independence from God so they would not have to spread out and fill the earth as He directed, but stick together where they were. It is easy to see people doing this all around us. Is it easy to see your own rebellion? Examine your heart. Confess and turn from any rebellion the Holy Spirit reveals to you.

Tuesday. God responded to the challenge of the leaders and their people with a laughing scoff and a lashing speech (see verses 4-6). How do you feel when you read these words? Highlight or underline the words *laughs, scoffs, anger, terrify* and *fury* in verses 5-6 (or *laughs, scoffs, anger, terrifies, wrath* in NIV). What is the big picture here? Summarize God's response to these and all rebels.

Wednesday. In the third stanza (verses 7-9) the king speaks and testifies about God's decree adopting him to be His ruler and the rule. On Sunday we noted that there are three *tenses* in this Psalm: (1) King David who wrote it (see Acts 4:25); (2) the kings who followed him; and (3) ultimately Christ the Messiah, the King of kings and Lord of lords. What does this say about Christ and His rule? What is the significance of this stanza for us (check the references on the outline)?

Thursday. The closing stanza, verses 10-12, confronts everyone with a choice. Read these verses several times. Write out the two options presented here in your own words. It is easy to see the contrast in the choice a person makes when it comes to choosing saving faith or not. But what about the choice in the day to day life of a believer? How does this Psalm, along with Psalm 1, set the focus for understanding the rest of the Psalms?

Friday–Saturday. Sunday is Mother's Day. Pastor Lyle plans to speak on "Earthquake Proof Mothers" from Psalm 16. Read and think through this Psalm as you prepare for our time of worship together.

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