

Psalm 2: Our Response

Read Psalm 2:10-12; Acts 4:23-31

Jesus Christ, the Son of the Almighty, is God's answer to all the evil that threatens us. He already sits on the throne, and He will soon rule all kingdoms of the earth. His authority will be absolute, and His response to those who continue to oppose Him will be complete destruction.

So what is the psalmist's advice to those now opposing God and His Anointed King?

- Be wise! You have been warned. (v.10)
- Serve God with fear. (v.11a)
- Tremble in His presence and openly welcome Him as your ruler. (v.11b)
- Kiss Him - declare humble, complete submission to Him as your King. (v.12a)
- Remember that He can destroy you suddenly and without warning. (v.12b)
- You still have opportunity: *Blessed are all who take refuge in Him!* (v.12c)

What does this say to we who already own Him as our sovereign King?

- Obey Him confidently.
- Serve Him boldly. Nothing can resist Him. Nothing can stop His will from being done.
- You have nothing to fear: His power and authority are absolute.

As an example of this truth, read Acts 4:23-31. Peter and John had been arrested for speaking in the name of Jesus. They were warned by the same people who had just executed Jesus. Facing serious threats and possible martyrdom, what was their response? Did they look for a way to "act wisely," to back off from the confrontation and scale back their efforts?

- They quoted Psalm 2, recognizing that the opposition to them was actually opposition to Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:25-27)
- They recalled that God was in control of their situation, just as He was in control at the crucifixion of Christ. (v.28)
- They prayed - not for a way out of danger, but for boldness to continue to speak and act in Jesus' name. (v.29)
- They expressed faith that God would continue to enable them to do His work. (v.30)

Too often we believers think and act either timidly or defensively, like a persecuted minority. We are not a persecuted minority! We are children of the King. We can do His work and be His people boldly, with calmness and complete confidence in Him.

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